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Niagara Region Children's Safety Village committee members Harry Artinian (left), 70, of St. Catharines, Niagara Regional Police Chief J. Grant Waddell, Margaret Cyr, 65, of St. Catharines, and Niagara College President Dan Patterson pose with students Stephanie Coons, 8, Kayla Lee, 9, Robbie McAllister, 9, and Alysha Pollak and her twin sister Jessica, 8.

Photo by Sam Bayly

Safety comes first

College leasing land at Welland campus for children's traffic and fire Safety Village

By SAM BAYLY
Staff Writer

Niagara College will provide three acres of land for the construction of the Niagara region's first Children's Safety Village.

The college will lease the land at the Welland campus for a "nominal fee," said Darrell Neufeld, executive assistant to Dan Patterson, college president.

Details of the lease are still under discussion, he added.

The safety village will provide elementary students with in-class traffic and fire safety instruction and give them hands-on experience in a simulated environment with scaled down buildings, replicas of roadways with traffic signs and signals, and an operational railway crossing.

"It's perfect for instructors to teach the kids in what is a real-life setting," said Neufeld.

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Yesterday was Remembrance Day

Check out our Remembrance Day Supplement

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College opens 'state-of-the-art' labs at Glendale campus

By MARTIN McQUAIG
Staff Writer

A new chapter in Niagara College's expansion was written on Nov. 9, with the official opening of the Centre for Integrated Manufacturing Training and Applied Research (CIMTAR) at the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Representatives from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Niagara Regional Police and local industry joined College President Dan Patterson and director of Integrated Manufacturing and Skills Training Brian Moukperian in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"CIMTAR features state-of-the-art labs that provide the latest education and training for rapid prototyping, computer aided engineering and flexible manufacturing," a college press release said.

"It's an exciting year for students," said Moukperian. "We didn't think we could kick it off this well."

"We at CIMTAR have new technology in a brand new state-of-the-art facility," said Patterson, adding, the technology will translate into highly skilled students. He said the team effort involved in establishing CIMTAR was a "dream come true."

In addition to new software, CIMTAR is equipped with a $100,000 3-D printer for prototyping. These 3-D models, which are made of polyester, can be produced quicker and cheaper for use in the automotive, aerospace and biomechanics industries, said Al Munro, co-ordinator, Manufacturing Engineering Technologies program.

"We can learn more than theory," said second-year Mechanical Engineering student Jonathan Nickel. "We can learn the theory, and then go down the hall and apply it," added Nickel, 19, of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

In a press release, CIMTAR introduced five new integrated equipment labs:

— Engineering Design: The new rapid prototyping (3-D printer) produces physical representations of a computer aided design (CAD) part or component in a few hours, compared to more than 100 hours through traditional machine production.

— Co-ordinate Measurement Machine (CMM): a fully operational, flexible, automated manufacturing lab.

— Materials Science/Metrology Lab: digital-imagining equipment used to study metals and alloys.

— Motion Control: five new programmable logic control trainers used to teach students how to design, plan, assemble, align and test mechanical components.

— Computerized Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) System: a fully operational, flexible, automated manufacturing lab.

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Five new training labs opened

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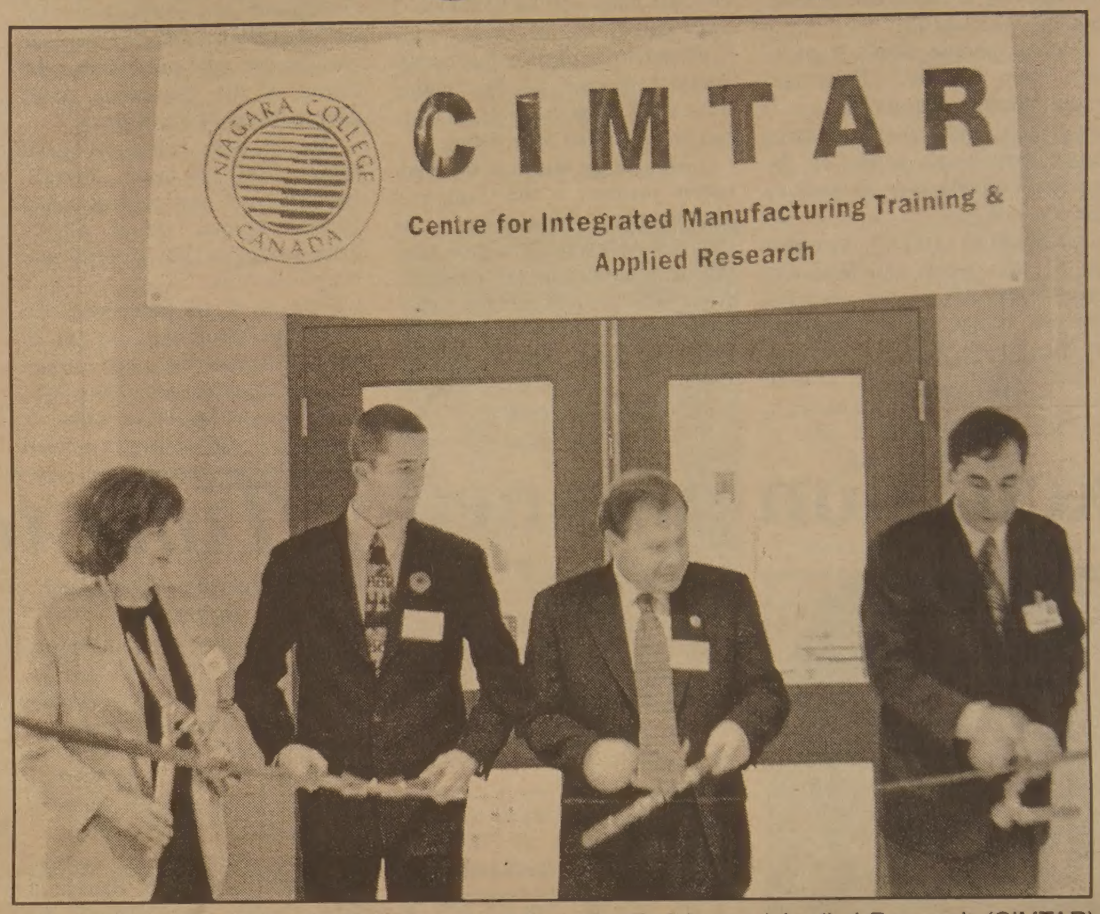
"I see it as a benefit to us working with leading edge equipment, mostly because it gives us skills to learn to use new equipment and apply it," said Nickel.

Munro said within two or three years, student evaluation software will be used to conduct assignments and term papers. He said this will allow faculty to expand their work with systems.

Students in the program use their own laptop computers to access expensive software in the CMM lab.

CIMTAR is funded in part by a $1.6 million grant from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade's strategic Skills Investment Fund, which was established to address specific skills shortages in the manufacturing industry, a press release said. Local manufacturers also contributed $700,000 to its development.



Niagara College's Centre for Integrated Manufacturing Training and Applied Research (CIMTAR) was put on public display Nov. 9 at the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake. On hand to cut the ribbon are, from left, Ministry of Economic Trade and Development representative Martha Fletcher, Jonathan Nickel,, a Mechanical Engineering Technology student, college President Dan Patterson, and Brian Moukperian, director of Integrated Manufacturing and Skills Training.

Photo by Martin McQuaig

United Way goal exceeded

United Way of South Niagara

By MARY KOTSOPOULOS
Staff Writer

The United Way campaign results for Niagara College are in.

The goal for Niagara College was $18,500. The campaign ended on Oct. 29 and the grand total was $21,217.25.

Contributions raised from employees were $19,457.25. Donations from the barbecue fund-raiser, dress-down Fridays, Halloween Challenge and Jail and Bail raised a total of $1,760.81.

The Human Relations program has been hosting several fund-raising events for the United Way and will make a contribution next week. The Student Administrative Council has also made contributions to the United Way at Niagara College.

Prize winners for a two-day vacation, chosen from those who contributed to the Niagara College United Way, are Corine Perenack, David Oscvirk and Harry Warford. A free parking pass was issued to David Oscvirk.

'. . . we need your support to make a difference in our community.'

— Sharon Svob

Campaign co-chairs Joanne McKee and Nicole Perreault thanked the people who assisted and contributed to the Niagara College United Way.

The United Way of South Niagara is in its sixth week of the annual campaign.

"Our 'Little Red Envelope' was mailed last week and many individuals have taken this opportunity to support the campaign," said Sharon Svob, campaign and marketing director for South Niagara United Way. "We hope that those of you in the workplace will consider 'Little Red' as a reminder of how much we need your support to make a difference in our community."

Last week, the United Way in South Niagara stopped the presses to concentrate on the campaign.

"Attention was given to identify what was needed to complete the campaign successfully," said Svob. "Notably we are on the right track and the projection is that we will indeed reach (the) goal."

Total dollars raised to date is $431,299, or 48 per cent of the goal.

United Way is holding a fund-raising Ladies Night Out Fashion Show. This year it is held at the Slovak Hall, 162 Hagar St., in Welland on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20.

Call 735-0490 for more information.

Child safety encouraged

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Students will be taught by emergency services personnel and by community volunteers.

"At this point it's all preliminary on how our staff would be involved," said Neufeld.

He said students in Early Childhood Education and Law and Security Administration programs could do some community service hours at the village. "We'll be looking at these opportunities further down the road."

The Safety Village committee began its fund-raising campaign at the college on Oct. 27.

The committee projects construction costs at $2.5 million with annual maintenance costs of $50,000. These costs will be raised by donations.

There are four safety villages operating in Ontario, (Durham region, Halton region, Peel region, Waterloo region), and there are six under construction.

Niagara's village will be modelled after the one in Halton, said Neufeld.

The grand opening is scheduled for the fall in 2000 with classes starting in January 2001.

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Free sitting fee available for Niagara grads

By ROBERT LAPENSÉE
Staff Writer

Say cheese!

The end of the year is coming quickly and, for some, graduation. After whipping through the first half of the first semester, we are at the time of year when graduating students have their pictures taken.

The Niagara College Student Administrative Council (SAC) is asking all graduating students to register for their sitting before it is too late.

Cindy Blanchard, the SAC financial administrator, said there is no sitting fee and it is important for students to have their graduation pictures taken.

"Many people don't want to buy their pictures," Blanchard said. "What they don't know is if they don't get their pictures taken they won't appear in the graduation book that all students get for free."

Graduation picture sessions began this week and will run until Nov. 19 at the Welland campus. At the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake, pictures will be taken from Nov. 22 until Nov. 26. Sittings for graduates at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls will be held Dec. 1 until Dec 7.

Blanchard said there has been a "great response" so far, adding most students at the Welland campus have booked their sitting.

A big change this year for graduation pictures is the change in photographers. This year, for the first time, Josten's Photography, which is based out of Winnipeg, Alta., will be taking the pictures. Brian Upson will be the photographer, working out of the St. Catharines branch. Previously it was Groff's Photography.

"We switched because Josten's creates the graduation book for us," said Blanchard. She said she was the one who put together the layout of the graduation book, adding it was "a lot of work."

"In the past, I had to layout some 700 pictures myself. Josten's has a new process called 'panel express,' which allows their images to flow directly into our publication.

"The work of publishing the graduation book will be cut in half. That was the main reason why we are going with Josten's."

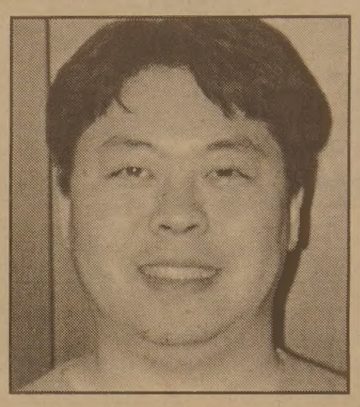
As far as getting the best images possible, advertising from Josten's advises students to prepare their hair, makeup and clothing so they can achieve the look they want to be remembered with.

"Images turn out best when the guys wear light-coloured shirts with a dark tie and when women wear a light-coloured blouse," Blanchard said.

Glasses can be worn, but may cause distortion to the image because of light hitting the lenses. Although the images can be touched up, distortion from glasses cannot be fixed. Josten's recommends that if glasses are worn the lenses should be removed.

Raptor excursion planned

By ROBERT LAPENSÉE
Staff Writer



DAVID SETO

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) has tickets to ride and that ride is to Toronto to see the Raptors play.

David Seto, SAC's vice-president of student affairs, has ordered tickets to the see the National Basketball Association's Toronto Raptors play the Miami Heat at the SkyDome in Toronto.

"We bought 40 tickets for the Toronto Raptors against the Miami Heat on Jan. 28, 2000," Seto said, adding the game starts at 7 p.m.

SAC will make the tickets available to students at a price between $30 to $35.

"The tickets were $32 each," Seto said. "If we sell them we have to fill in the cost of the bus too."

So far this year, the sale of tickets to sporting events has been successful. Tickets to a World Wrestling Federation house show at the SkyDome on Nov. 20 have sold out.

"If you could have bought more tickets, we would have," said Patricia Pichette, SAC's vice-president of campus events. "If we could, we would have but we couldn't, for the life of us, find more."

Seto said he planned to order tickets for when the National Hockey League's Buffalo Sabres take on the Toronto Maple Leafs at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. When Seto tried to order the tickets, he discovered it was already sold out.

Tickets for the Raptors' game will go on sale whenever they are delivered to the SAC office. Seto said the cheque has been sent and tickets will be arriving soon.

Time to party

By ROBERT LAPENSÉE
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is ready to get into the spirit of Christmas with plans for its annual children's party.

The party, to be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Welland campus Student Centre, is in its fourth year.

"Dave (Rapelje) and I started it in 1995," said Cindy Blanchard, the finance administrator for SAC. "It is very successful. The kids have a lot of fun. We've got a lot of positive comments from the students." Rapelje is the manager of student life at Niagara College.

Festivities begin at 1 p.m. and run until 3 p.m. and will include a magician, surprise guests and Santa Claus. Refreshments and cookies will be served. Children under the age of 12 will receive a gift.

Students must register by Nov. 24. There is a charge of $2 a child. Members of staff who want to bring their children to the party are welcome, but they must pay a charge of $10 a child.

"This party uses money from the SAC fees," said Blanchard. "It is the student money purchasing these gifts. The staff doesn't pay SAC fees."

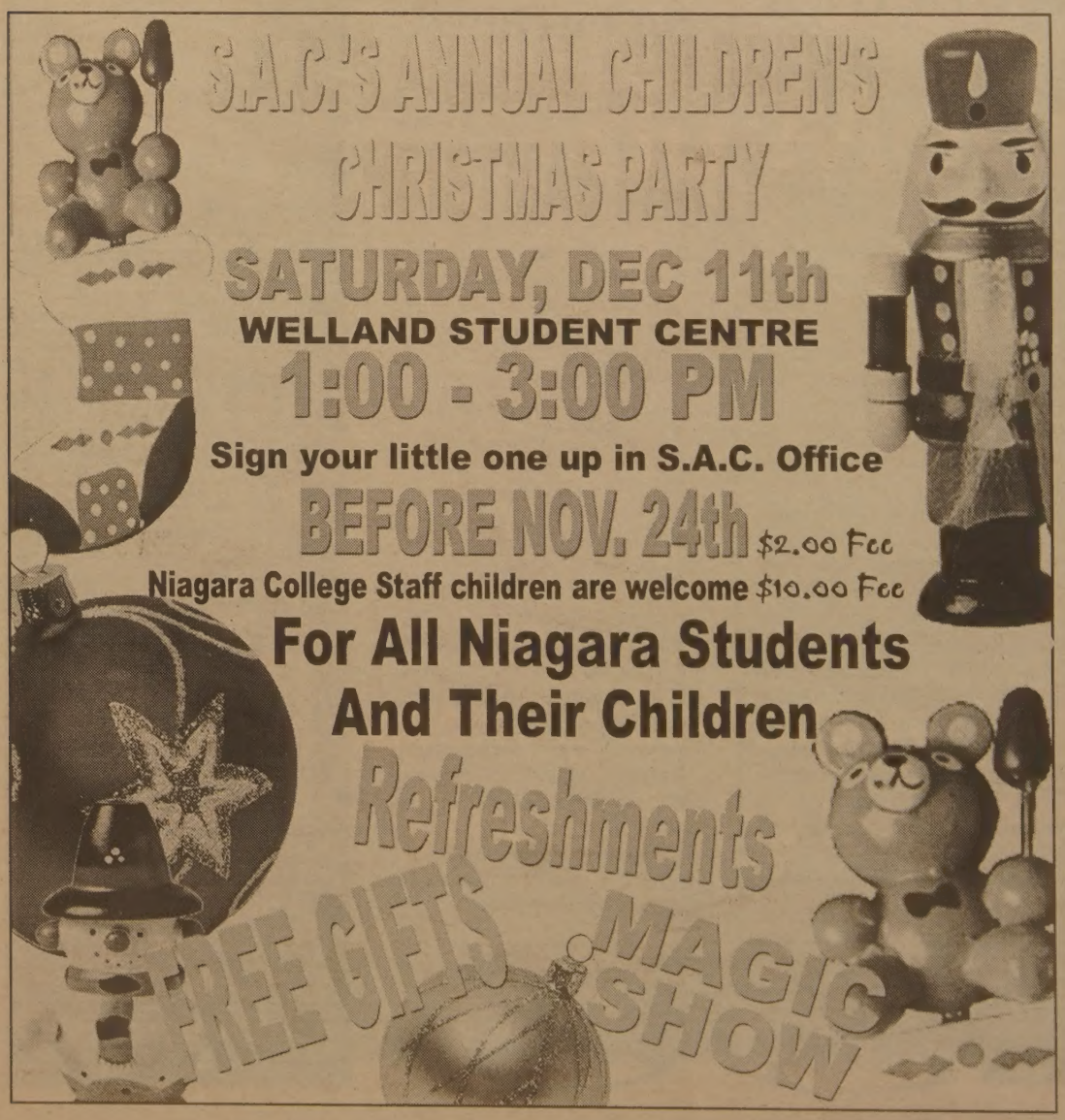
Blanchard said there would be no cover charge for children over the age of 12.

"Children over the age of 12 don't pay the charge because they will be coming for the entertainment only. They will not receive a gift."

SAC has set a ceiling of about $3,000 to spend on the party. It will spend about $350 on entertainment and about $300 on refreshments. Blanchard said SAC is expecting to spend $10 on a gift for each child who attends.

Blanchard said it's important for students to realize they must register to be able to attend, and for their child to be able to get a gift.

You can register at the SAC office or contact Blanchard for more information at 735-2211 ext. 7659.



Help fight racism at Niagara

By ROBERT LAPENSÉE
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is getting ready to fight racism by organizing an International Students' and Anti-racism Day.

David Seto, SAC's vice-president for student affairs, is organizing the event for all students.

The double-themed awareness event will be on Nov. 17 from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

"We are getting the students of Niagara College aware of the diversity of students at the campus and Niagara College in general," said Seto.

The day's festivities include an essay writing exercise for international students. It invites students to write between a half page and a page about what it is like to live in their native countries. It also asks the students to write about their impressions of Canada.

Seto said he would keep all the essays in a portfolio. He said the essays will help SAC learn about the international students.

Applications for the essay can be picked up in the SAC office.

Another activity planned is an information booth outside the Learning Resource Centre at the Welland campus. Banners will display flags of different countries.

"It is to show unity," said Seto. "We are going to have the United Nations flag in the middle."

Ryan McLaughin, the Welland campus student representative, said there are plans to have samples of international food for students to try.

Seto, of Port Colborne, has taken on planning the event because he wants to fight racism.

"Growing up, I faced some racism myself," he said.

Seto said he feels racism is a serious issue. He said students shouldn't feel isolated when they walk into a new place; rather, they should feel comfortable.

"It is all about being yourself."

SAC

Student juggles school with politics

By PENNI LAFLEUR
Staff Writer

You have to wonder where he finds the time, let alone the energy, to pursue the passions in his life, but Kevin Reles seems to know where he wants to go and how to get there.

Reles, 22, of Port Colborne, who is in his third year of the Business Administration — Operations Management (Co-op) program, said he didn't get a chance to run for Student Administrative Council (SAC) president last year because he didn't know where he'd be on co-op.

'No one really even looks around. I hope I can at least give some memories to some students . . .'

"I wanted to be involved to sharpen my leadership skills, but I also needed to find a co-op placement not too far from the campus."

He got his chance on Oct. 20 when he was elected SAC president for the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

With a minimum of 900 hours to fulfil for his co-op, he said, he found the "ideal place to work" at Algoma Central Marine, on Glendale Avenue in St. Catharines. Because of the location he is able to serve as SAC president.

He said that as the new SAC president he'd like to increase school spirit because "some (students) don't even know what SAC is."

"No one really even looks around. I hope I can at least give some memories to some students, open their eyes to some of the events."

He said, during the election, he was excited about campaigning and looked forward to the competition, but when he found the other candidate wasn't even advertising he stopped putting up posters himself.

"I was disappointed when I saw that the other guy didn't seem to be interested. In fact, he didn't even vote for himself."

Reles said he went so far as to post a Web site and received 100 hits in three or four days, a number "which made me feel good, but I was gunning for 200."

Out of the 25 votes Reles received, he said, personal friends cast 24.

KEVIN RELES

Coming into the position two months into the school year, Reles said, the vice-presidents "did and continue to do a good job with SAC."

"Jen (Gaboury, vice-president campus events) and Tonya (Guthrie, vice-president campus affairs) are good reps for this school, and I can rely on them to get things done."

Reles said with his co-op responsibilities he can only be at the school for two hours a day, but the vice-presidents are there more.

'We're gonna have a good time this year.'

"They keep me informed. I don't see them as my VPs. We all work together. I really respect them, they have just as much pull as I do and I back them 100 per cent with whatever they try to do."

He met with the other campuses's SAC representatives for the first time on Oct. 25 and said he felt that after meeting them, "We're gonna have a good time this year."

Besides performing the duties of this newly elected position and participating in a co-op placement, Reles also holds the position of student representative on the college's Board of Governors, which normally meets once a month. His board responsibilities add to a time schedule others might find stressful.

"As a student representative I bring my expertise as a student to the board. The topics for this year were chosen at a retreat held on Oct. 22 and 23. The retreat covers what we will cover, issues up and coming, program approval, new technology and so on."

He said he is given a detailed proposal with the changes to a new program and then the opportunity to research the issue before there is a vote on it.

Asked if he sees a political career in his future, because of his involvement in school politics, he said he'd be interested mostly at the municipal level.

"Politics is not in my career path, but even if it's just alderman I'd like to represent the people."

Students come together to form collective voice

Access 2000 movement gains student support as it prepares for its upcoming rally

By TARA PURPURA
Staff Writer

College and university students from across the country are joining forces to combat the high cost of post-secondary education.

Students across Canada will have an opportunity to be heard on Feb. 2, 2000, as the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) wraps up its Access 2000 campaign.

'I've received hundreds of petition signatures already to participate on Feb. 2. We'll participate to any degree that students want.'
— Patricia Pichette

Access 2000 is a movement generated by the CFS to offer Canadians greater access to post-secondary education. CFS seeks greater funding for, more access to, and improved quality of education.

"I think more and more people are realizing that universal access to education is not such a radical idea," said Joel Harden, 27, CFS Ontario chairperson.

'I was a mature student coming back to school and I was floored at how much tuition was.'
— Todd Bosak

Members of the CFS are visiting universities and colleges across Canada promoting the campaign and rallying support from student and municipal councils.

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) will participate in the Feb. 2 rallies.

"I've received hundreds of petition signatures already to participate on Feb. 2. We'll participate to any degree that students want," said Patricia Pichette, 19, Welland campus vice-president of student affairs.

The CFS is asking the federal and provincial governments to increase funding to higher education and to establish a national system of grants.

Since 1993, $7 billion has been cut from post-secondary funding as the federal government reduces transfer payments to the provinces, and tuition fees have increased by 45 per cent, according to the CFS.

"I was a mature student coming back to school and I was floored at how much tuition was," said Todd Bosak, 30, CFS Ontario treasurer.

Bosak, formerly of Welland, is a student at Laurentian University in Sudbury.

Sixty college and university students' unions are members of the CFS and involve 400,000 students. The federation was formed to give students a united voice to address the federal and provincial governments.

In January 1995, 100,000 students took part in a student day of action. Bosak said he anticipates the rally in February to be much larger. Student associations are going to make a "great" statement in February, he said. There are 177,000 students involved in Ontario.

Joel Harden (left) and Todd Bosak sit in the lounge area during their visit to Niagara College.

Photo by Tara Purpura

EDITORIAL

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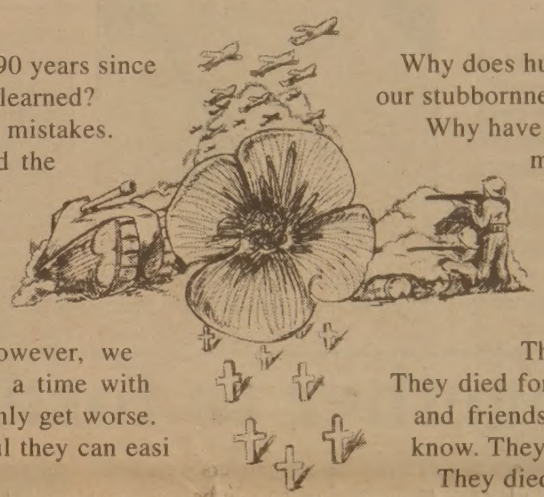
A time for remembering and learning



It's Remembrance Day, 1999 — almost 90 years since the First World War — and what have we learned?

We certainly haven't learned from our mistakes. Wars still rage on in many places around the world. Russia and East Timor are the latest battlegrounds to make headlines in newspapers everywhere.

Remembrance Day has traditionally been a day to reflect on the sacrifices that soldiers made for our freedom. However, we haven't learned anything yet. We live in a time with more conflicts than ever. The times will only get worse.

We have developed weapons so powerful they can easi ly destroy us and our planet.

Chemical warfare and nuclear weapons have made great strides, and not for the betterment of all of us. The continual upgrading and refinement of computers opens up only one more frontier over which forces can do battle.

Why does humankind continue to kill its self off? Is it our stubbornness? Competitiveness? Fear?

Why have we not learned from the mistakes we have made?

The legions of soldiers who gave their lives for us must be shaking their heads as they look down at us. Ninety years have passed, yet humankind still has to fight for its freedom.

They must wonder what they died for. They died for their country. They died for their family and friends. They died for those whom they didn't know. They died for freedom.

They died for peace.

We will always remember our brave soldiers and the battles they fought.

Let's hope that we will learn from them as well.

Robert Lapensée

Remembering women: they were there too

It's a time to reflect and a time to remember.

When I was at school and we would watch videos about the soldiers of the Second World War, I would see homage being paid to the men who bravely fought for our freedom.

What about the women who were there during the war? The iron will of women amazes me when I hear stories of the army nurses putting up a courageous front, comforting the wounded soldiers and performing their duties efficiently, while a war was going on in the background. They were the ones who saw the death of young soldiers and heard their cries.

As I was browsing through Web pages on the Internet about the war, I came across a story that intrigued me. It was of an American army nurse in the First World War who wrote a journal while she was assigned to hospital training service in France. She wrote: "The odours of the wounds that had no care cannot be described but shall be in the memory of the nurses."

Many nurses were wounded and killed by German bombs, yet we have rarely heard of these women and their sacrifices.

American women service pilots flew military aircraft to destination bases, suffered casualties yet were denied full military status.

I had read about a number of American women journalists and photographers who were allowed to go into the trenches and write first-hand of the horrors of war, just as their male counterparts had done.

If the stereotype of women during the War was of a woman sitting by the window, crying for her loved one to come home, then that really wasn't the case. Sure they worried about their men at war, but so did everyone else.

The movie A League of Their Own was based on a true story of a woman's baseball league during the war, a league created to entertain the people back home. After the war there was no such thing and the women went back to being housewives.

The strength of women surfaced when the men went away to war. There was work that needed to be done at home. Women took the positions in what was considered "man's work." Industries that previously excluded women now welcomed them. Some worked in highly dangerous weapons manufacturing industries and unloaded coal, stoked furnaces and built ships.

Women have come a long way. Many serve their country, saluting alongside their fellow officers who 50 years ago wouldn't have wanted them to fight for their country's freedom because of their "weaker stature." This is for the women who stood up for the same objective of all people of every race and gender: freedom.

Mandi Speelman

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COMMENTARY

A lesson learned in self-confidence

By PENNI LAFLEUR
Staff Writer

My teacher tells me everyone has a story. She says that to motivate a class of journalism students who seek her guidance and wisdom when we're out scrounging for stories to either make a name for ourselves or just fill up space in our bi-weekly publication, the *Niagara News*.

She speaks from experience, of course, having been a working journalist herself. She still is one. Like a loving parent, in essence, she allows us to decide what story we deem worthy to tell. It shows in the type of beat we choose, whether we actually do care about the issues we present or the impressions we make in the world.

To learn the process by which journalists "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable," we are introduced to social issues, federal, provincial and municipal politics, current events, and court proceedings —issues in which journalists claim expertise.

While covering the basic courses required to educate the working journalist we develop awareness, and our interests are piqued when we are introduced to new subjects and can delve into them at great length.

On the quest for truth, justice and the Canadian way, I can't help but realize that the greatest story that is unravelling before my eyes is my very own.

I, unlike the majority of my peers, am not straight out of high school. I fall under the category of "mature student." I am more like "aged" or "seasoned," for I've been around the block at least five times. I am at a point in my life when I view education and the pursuit of knowledge as the most important things in life.

Going back to school proved to be more enlightening than I had first realized.

I have also realized that you are what you think you are and others may or may not go along with that — especially those who are so full of themselves that they miss out on the opportunity of learning about the world around them.

Going back to school proved to be far more enlightening than I had first realized. Not only did I learn about a subject that has fascinated me, but I have found a new self-confidence. It has probably been there all along; I had just misplaced it.

I wonder if my teacher realizes the bonus of self-discovery that I have made or if now that I have revealed it she will be billing me for it. I have a feeling it's all part of the package and I was the one lucky enough to have found it.

Well, at least I'm first to admit it.

Y2K not far away

By MARTIN McQUAIG
Staff Writer

Although there are still 394 days until the next millennium — which really is 2001 — the commercial appeal of the figure 2000 and the inherent paranoia surrounding the potential for Y2K computer glitches are making for an exciting end to 1999.

Here is your guide to our Y2K preparation. These are some easy tips to ensure a smooth run through what's sure to be the spectacle of our lifetime (add sarcasm here).

Number one. Don't go shopping for a new gas-powered electricity generator. They're expensive, and their resale value will be squat when everyone discovers the power still works on Jan. 1.

Number two. Make your New Year's Eve plans for Los Angeles, Seattle or Vancouver. If the power goes out on Dick Clark and a half a million of his closest, drunkest friends, you have a good three hours to plan your next move.

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Number three. Make sure you use up your chequebook before Jan. 1. You don't want to be stuck scratching out the "19" in the dateline next year.

Win-win program boosts jobs

By RAM KRISHNAMURTHY
Staff Writer

Being a student in a post-secondary institution usually means you need a job to pay for your education.

For the past several years, Canadian youths, ages 18 to 24, have experienced difficulty in finding employment.

For years, employers were finding no incentives to hire young people because they were receiving no relief from Employment Insurance (EI) premiums.

In the February 1998 federal budget, the government introduced the Federal Youth Hires Program. This program offers a better chance for Canadian youths to obtain employment. Instead of being reluctant to provide jobs, employers seem to be more willing to open the doors.

The Federal Youth Hires Program will give employers two years of relief from EI premiums if they hire additional youths in 1999 and 2000.

The federal government has made this program available to all employers who hire youths aged 18 to 24. Employers are eligible for EI premium relief under this program, regardless of their operation size.

Increases in insurable earnings for the youth group over the base amount will not be included from employer EI premiums in the 1999 and 2000 calendar years.

This will be of great assistance to employers trying to reduce payroll costs. For my age group, this will mean employment opportunities.

The Federal Youth Hires Program clearly displays the federal government's intent. That intent is to construct a system that will give Canadian youth more confidence about when they'll get a job and give employers more reason to hire.

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Letters to the Editor

United Way campaign co-chairs thank all involved

Dear Editor:

Here are the final results of our United Way campaign at Niagara College. Our goal was $18,500.

Contributions from employees — $19,457.25.

Donations from a barbecue, dress down Fridays, Halloween challenges and Jail and Bail equalled $1,760.81.

The grand total was $21,217.25.

We would like to point out that Human Relations program students have been hosting events for the United Way and will be making a contribution soon. The Student Administrative Council has also made a contribution.

The prize winners (two days of vacation) were Corine Perenack, David Oscvirk and Harry Warford. The free parking pass went to David Oscvirk.

Thanks again to all who assisted and contributed.

Joanne McKee and Nicole Perreault, United Way campaign co-chairs at Niagara College

Niagara News photographers thanked by Orientation committee

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Orientation 1999 Committee, I want to thank your many talented photographers — Mark Garrett, Penni Lafleur, Jennifer Mago, Shannon Palomaki, Mike Dilts and Craig Stratychuk — for their wonderful and energetic coverage of the Orientation activities in September (Volume 30, Issue 1, Oct. 1, 1999).

They captured the flavour of the day perfectly . . . students being entertained, the standing-in-line parts.

And judging by the smiles on the faces of students and their comments in the articles, it would seem a good time was had by all.

The Orientation program is one way that we, as a college, try to leave a good impression with students.

The first edition of the Niagara News for 1999-2000 is another. Congratulations to all second-year Journalism-Print program students.

Brigitte Chiki, Director, Students Services at Niagara College

Excellent article written on Wal-Mart presentation

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to thank you and Sam Bayly for the excellent article on the Wal-Mart recruitment presentation (Volume 30, Issue 3, Oct. 29, 1999).

I thought Sam's piece found the most newsworthy points in this event and presented them in a concise and professional manner.

I know that students don't need my layman's opinion, but I was really impressed with Sam's coverage and wanted to let you know how great it was having him cover this event.

Tim Foster, Ventures Activity Planner at Niagara College

CAMPUS COVERAGE

Promise fulfilled even after tragic death

By PENNI LAFLEUR
Staff Writer

A presentation was made to fulfil a promise.

It was a promise made one week before the donor died.

Tom Farr, owner of Farr Drainage in St. Catharines, agreed in the spring to donate the drainage work for the vineyard at Niagara College's Glendale campus, in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Tragically, he was killed in a motorcycle accident this past June, one week before the work was to begin.

Grant DesRoches, manager of drainage for the company, and Joe Frankis of Big "O" Inc., the company that donated all the piping for the $6,300 project, were on hand to make the presentation in the office of the college president at the Glendale campus on Nov. 4.

The vineyard is part of a long-term vision to turn the site into a working laboratory in partnership with Brock University, in St. Catharines, to introduce wine and culture technology at Niagara College.

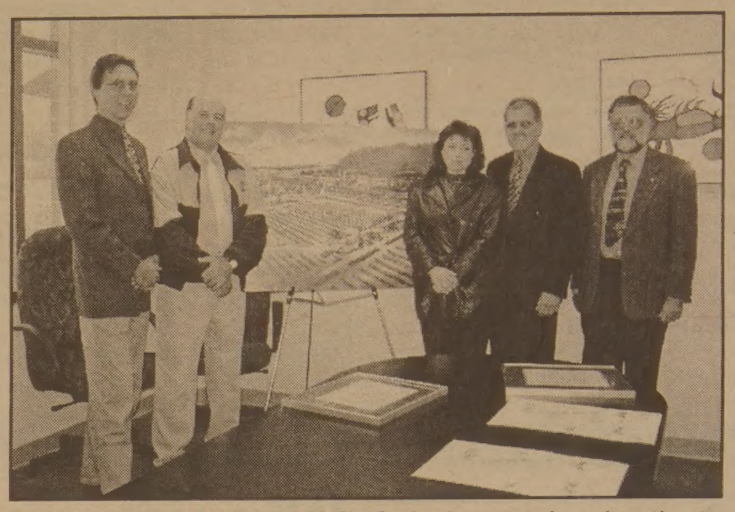
The project establishes a proper drainage system for the Glendale campus's experimental vineyard. The vineyard will feature 100 different types of vines and the top 10 kinds of wines of the Niagara peninsula. The site is dedicated to a demonstration vineyard to be used for teaching, research and public education.

"Tom Farr provided advice on how to approach and design our vineyard," said Jon Ogryzlo, director of the Environment, Horticulture and Agribusiness division. He accepted the donation from the Farr family.

'This has been a labour of love for the college.'
— Dan Patterson

"I had a chance to meet with Tom and I felt really good about his terrific co-operation and contribution to this terrific showpiece."

On behalf of the college, President Dan Patterson expressed sincere thanks to Linda Farr, wife of the late Tom Farr.



Tom Farr of Farr Drainage, in St. Catharines, made a donation to the Viticulture Technician program one week before his death. Fulfilling his pledge are, second from left, Grant DesRoches, manager of drainage for the company, Linda Farr, wife of the late Tom Farr, and Joe Frankis of Big "O" Inc. Representing the college are, far left, Jon Ogryzlo, director, Environment, Horticulture and Agribusiness, and, far right, Brian Grant, co-ordinator of experimental learning at Brock University.

Photo by Penni Lafleur

"This has been a labour of love for the college. The research and capabilities Brock has to help us set this up are tremendous. This will be great for the public and the students."

Patterson explained that the college could not have done this alone. "We needed the private sector."

"We had a huge drainage problem and Tom was the first person who came forward to make the commitment with a great contribution and legacy to jumpstart this program."

With plans for more outside classrooms, Brock University and Niagara College will be working together to transform 68 acres of land consisting of wetlands, a nursery and gardens. The land will connect to the Woodend Conservation area. The vineyard is an integral part of the college's 25-year landscape plan.

On behalf of the Farr family, Linda Farr said, "We are very proud he has been recognized for his contribution to the Niagara peninsula, and it is an honour for him to be honoured by Niagara College and Brock University."

Tom Farr, remembered as a "great husband and father," leaves behind a legacy for his wife and three daughters: Lindsay, 15, Katie, 11 and Stephanie, 5. Farr was 40 years old and a well-known figure in Niagara's wine industry.

Students become wine experts

By LISA TAFT
Staff Writer

Eight Niagara College students are the first graduates of the Canadian Guild of Sommeliers' program.

Sommeliers are people who, through courses like this, become specialists in the knowledge, service and marketing of wine.

"We're very proud of the outcome for our first year with Niagara College," said Joseph Miller, president of the Canadian Sommelier Guild (CSG) in a media release from the college. "Mr. Terriero is an exceptional teacher and I'm confident that our next class will be just as successful." Roger Terriero, of Toronto, is a sommelier as well as a consultant for the Liquor Control Board of Ontario, a member of the Ontario College of Teachers, a certified chef and a graduate of the University of Guelph.

"I really enjoyed the class," Terriero told the graduates at the ceremony held on Oct. 24 at the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls. Terriero taught the inaugural program.

The 22-week course is the combined effort of Niagara College and the CSG. Instructors like Terriero are supplied by the CSG. "Niagara College is delighted to work with the Canadian Sommelier Guild," said Niagara College President Dan Patterson at the graduation ceremony. In its first year, the course, which is held once a week, graduated eight of 17 students.

Jillian Bethune, 25, of Thorold (left), and Shanta Rangaratram, 28, who is working for Cave Spring Cellars in Jordan, Ont., make a toast to each other on their graduation success.They are two of the first eight graduates of Niagara College's Canadian Guild of Sommeliers' program.

Photo by Lisa Taft

"Tasting was very low for everybody," said Terriero at the graduation, referring to the four-part exam that includes theory, essay, tasting and service. Sommelier students are taught everything from marketing to the history of wine. Students must learn how to serve, store, buy and taste wine, as well as production methods for and the history of wine. Success in this course earns graduates international status as sommeliers.

Evan Saviolidis, 28, graduated among the top five Canadian sommeliers with an 80 per cent average. "I'm a wine snob at heart," said Saviolidis. "It was a great opportunity." Saviolidis works for Chateau des Charmes winery in Niagara-on-the-Lake as a sales representative and will soon be responsible for the Ottawa area market for the company. He will also be substitute teaching "an appreciation course" at Niagara College called the World of Wines.

"It was a tough 22 weeks," said Terriero, "but it was worth it."

Next year's program begins on Jan. 9. For further information contact Peggy Barnsley, support and services officer at (905) 374 7454 ext. 3633.

New multi-level cafeteria set to open in December 2000

By MIRANDA HUBBS
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Welland campus is getting a new cafeteria.

It was a need first identified years ago in the original Master Plan of the college.

The cafeteria in the Black Walnut building is "not up to the standards the college wants," says Mal Woodhouse, of the college's facilities management services.

He says the new cafeteria is being built because "the current space is not really functional for what we saw or thought we needed for the students."

He says the building itself is not an appropriate gathering place.

Students can expect the opening of the new multi-functional cafeteria in December 2000. The new facility will include a state-of-the-art sound system and will be multi-level and a place where students can gather in large or small groups.

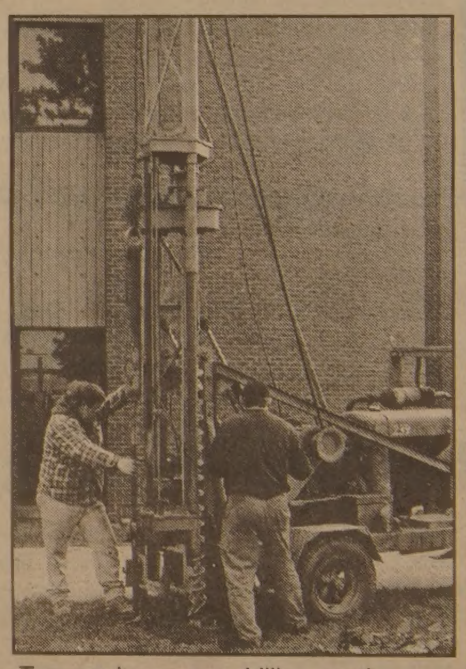
'It's going to really be the heartbeat of this campus and really just an exciting place.'

Woodhouse says the college wants to utilize the space for outdoor venues as well.

The cafeteria will be located between the Student Administrative Council (SAC) building and the Simcoe building. It hasn't been determined yet whether it will be attached to the SAC building, but it will be attached to the Simcoe building's west wing.

Construction is expected to begin in the spring. Cost is estimated at about $2.5 million.

Woodhouse and his team have travelled to several other campuses looking at various options.



Two workmen are drilling on the new site for the new Welland campus cafeteria.

Photo by John Robbins

He says the team the college put together is a "very exciting and creative team. Among the architect, the design people, and the interior design people, these three components working together as a team is a real exciting group of people."

Woodhouse says the cafeteria will have an appeal to students because it'll be "uninstitutional."

He says, "It'll be a wonderful space. It's going to really be the heartbeat of this campus and really just an exciting place."

Remembrance Day

The Niagara News remembers those who fought bravely, those who continue to fight and those who stand by them.

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Veterans mark two minutes of silence on Nov. 11 at the Royal Canadian Legion hall in Pelham.

Photo by Cassandra Simons

In silent memory

Veteran remembers Second World War

By MANDI SPEELMAN
Staff Writer

The day was Sept. 1, 1939, and Germany had invaded Poland. Soldiers from Canada didn't know what they were getting themselves into as they left their homes and went overseas to war.

One of those soldiers was Donald Simpson. He was 19 in 1942, the year he enlisted in the Canadian Armoured Corps of the Canadian Army in Hamilton.

Simpson, 76, of Welland, reminisces about the past with tears in his eyes as memories of that 19-year-old soldier still linger to this day.

In 1943 Simpson, along with 22,000 other troops, boarded the Queen Elizabeth ship in Halifax and after four days and three nights, docked in Greenock, Scotland.

"At the time it was something to look forward to. You didn't really know what war was until you got into it," he said, adding at the beginning there were "fun" times.

"There was a lot of commotion, people asking where we're from. It was just another good time to start off, until you got into France."

After receiving training on tanks in England, he travelled by boat to Caen, France, where he joined the South Alberta Tank Regiment, Fourth Division. He was the driver and mechanic of a Sherman Mark V tank.

"You went to wherever they wanted you to go, so I was assigned to be with the tanks. There were 16 tanks in our group alone. There were three other tank groups besides ours in it (the regiment)."

Simpson said he fought in Normandy and then advanced on foot into Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Tears filled his eyes when asked what he was thinking about during this period in time. "I wanted to know what everyone was doing back home, and just a lot of memories."

Sitting on his brown chair, Simpson looked down, with his hand over his mouth. As he represses his tears, he said, "There was a lot of death (including friends) and it's something I just don't want to talk about."

Tanks were support for infantry. If the infantry was "pinned down in certain places and they needed

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WE REMEMBER

Remembering a grandfather's bravery

By TRACEY ALLISON
Staff Writer
Column

He has been gone for a long time, but his pictures, his medals, his stories and the memories remain.

Remembrance Day is a day that's close to my heart. Not only do I honour all of those who fought for our country and lost their lives, but also I remember one person the most, my grandfather.

Robert Allison was one of the most incredible men I've ever known. He was born on Jan. 8, 1927, in Alberta. When he was 18 years old, in March 1945, he enlisted in the army in Calgary. He volunteered for the army and began training for the war. He was stationed at Camp Borden in Ontario, and he trained in the tank corps.

Fortunately, the war ended that year before he was sent overseas. He was in the army only for a short time and was discharged in October 1945.

I honour my grandfather for his bravery, his courage and his love for his country. He never fought in war, but he volunteered to fight and was willing to lose his life for his country. For that reason, he deserves to be remembered.

As I spoke to my grandmother about my grandfather's past, she also told me about my great-great uncle who died in action in the First World War.

Joseph Dube joined the army in 1915. He belonged to the 48th Highlanders of Canada, 15th Battalion. I honour him for his bravery and devotion. He died in a little village in France in 1917.

ROBERT ALLISON

Today these memories lie in a scrapbook my grandmother now has. It has cards he sent while away at war, his obituary, and the letter that was sent to his family informing them of his death. I did not know this man, but I am proud to learn he is a part of our family history.

My grandfather passed away on May 21, 1995, from cancer. Losing him was very, very difficult for me. He was my idol and I loved everything about him. I loved his stories, which have now become treasures to all of my family. I could listen to him talk for hours. I remember all his stories about the army and the war. He was a proud Canadian.

He was a wonderful, caring, amazing man. My brother, Ken Allison, is so proud to now have his war medals to keep forever and pass down the family chain. I can never be thankful enough that my grandfather didn't end up going to war, and I was blessed to have him in my life.

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Today, especially as we all look back and remember the past, it is my grandpa whom I will never forget.

Second World War remembered

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artillery fire, we supplied it and knocked out other heavy equipment that was bothering the infantry."

"We weren't like infantry. They were the ones that were on the ground and they went to places and met people. We were in the tanks. That was our life."

He said they practically lived and ate in a tank. "You slept in the tank at night and the odd night you would get out and stretch out on the ground. We didn't get to meet anybody."

While sitting in his tank on radio watch in Oldenburg, Germany, Simpson received the good news the war in Europe had ended May 7, 1945.

Simpson and his comrades went through the streets of Tilburg, Holland, with their tank. "We were told not to stop the tanks as they were to pass on through, but we had to stop or run over the people. They were so glad we freed them from their slavery."

They didn't get out of their tank, but were "surprised" to see the number of flowers that were thrown onto the tank. "The tank's name was Crimson and by the looks of all the flowers it looked crimson to me," he said with a smile.

He was awarded six medals. Five were The 1939 - 1945 Star, France and Germany Star, Victory Medal, Defence Medal and Canadian Voluntary Service Medal. The sixth, The Battle of Normandy Medal, was applied for by his wife Molly and was sent to him from overseas, since they don't give out such a medal in Canada.

"He was there, so I don't see why he shouldn't have got it," said Molly.

Simpson said he thinks today's youth is starting to lose touch with the importance of Remembrance Day.

"At one time schools all used to participate for the day. You ask the younger people today what they know about it and they don't know."

He recounted an experience a couple of years ago when he and another man, who was in the infantry, went to a school to talk about their experiences in the Second World War. "Once they heard I was in the tanks, they forgot all about the infantry. They wanted to know how big the tank was. They weren't interested in the war at all."

Simpson has been a member of the Welland Rose City Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 4, for 55 years.

He said people think it's just a "glorified beer parlour" but it's not. "The Legion is a place for veterans and their family and friends. We play games like pool and all types of sports like cards and darts." They sponsor sports such as minor hockey and give donations to different organizations.

Simpson asks just think where we'd be right now if the war had been lost. "Hitler would have ruled the world and what kind of world would that have been like? We wouldn't have the freedom we have today."

Donald Simpson, 76, of Welland, proudly wears his medals he received, for his service in the Second World War.

Photo by Mandi Speelman

Legion doesn't forget Nov. 11

By RAM KRISHNAMURTHY
Staff Writer

On Remembrance Day, every Canadian should stop and realize the significance of remembering Canadian war veterans.

It's good to know the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 4, has its annual Remembrance Day services to help make sure we don't forget Nov. 11.

Elizabeth West, who works for the Welland Legion, outlined some of the events held in Welland.

On Nov. 6, the Welland Legion held a poppy banquet along with a dinner dance. A church service was held on Nov. 7, at 10 a.m.

We Remember

A few good men share their war stories

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

Young people are naive going into war, said Ted Simons, a retired college professor.

Simons, 67, of Carrollton, Ga., was 17 when the Korean War started in 1953. He was drafted three years later.

He said everyone in high school was required to join the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC).

"I dropped out of ROTC, and as a direct result of that, six months later I was drafted," said Simons.

He said he never had to fight in the war because the peace talks started and went on for six months and the U.S. army never sent any more troops in.

"For the fellows on the front, the war didn't end for another year. People were still being killed," he said, "although it wasn't mass battle anymore."

He said he thinks most people weren't "fazed" by what was going on in Korea. "Most people didn't even know where Korea was."

"The military exerts great mind control over you. It's like belonging to a church or a small community, not really hearing the whole story.

"War isn't just good guys versus bad guys. It's politics, created by elite nations. The dehumanization of the enemy."

Simons said when he was in training he had no idea about the peace protests going on.

"It was very disturbing. We thought we were heroic. The population believed we shouldn't have felt that way. We weren't wrong in what we did, but we certainly weren't right either," he said.

Mike Simons, 55, of Hollywood, Fla., was involved in the policing action of the Vietnam War from 1963 to 1966.

"The war didn't really start for another year and by that time I was already home at college," said Mike.

> *'We weren't wrong in what we did, but we certainly weren't right either.'*
> *— Ted Simons*

Mike said he'd gotten into some trouble as a young boy and was given the option of going to jail or joining the military.

"I joined with the attitude that they (the military) weren't going to break me. They didn't either. Being involved in the military changed my life 100 per cent. I went in as a punk and had to mature real quick."

Mike was stationed on an aircraft carrier doing damage control. "I was a firefighter on the carrier, which became my career."

"In my opinion, Americans shouldn't have participated in the war. It was a civil war between two countries (North and South Vietnam)."

He said he wanted to be in the war because he wanted to be like the Hollywood actor John Wayne.

"I'm now a fire chief. Being a firefighter is similar to being in the war. War is horrible, but you have an excitement and fear, your hair standing up, your adrenaline rushing. As exciting as it may seem to some people, it's the last thing you want to see."

He said he thinks there hasn't been enough recognition of those who were physically injured in the war.

"The men died horrible deaths. There were no whole pieces of those who died sometimes. It's the scariest environment possible.

"For any war, the injured should be taken care of. People don't realize what that does to people."

Nathan Simons, 50, of Deseronto, Ont., tried to join the Vietnam War in 1972 as a chaplain.

Nathan is ordained by the Apostolic Church of Pentecost. He was born and raised in America, but moved to Canada when he was 20 or 21.

"I was offered a deferment because I was in Bible school but I decided to keep my draft A1," said Nathan.

He said when he tried to get in he didn't have the qualifications, and shortly after trying to get in, he said, "Nixon (U.S. President Richard Nixon) started calling the boys back, so they started enforcing the rules."

"As young men in war we got caught up and reacted to wars differently from anyone else, just as young men and women do today."

Ted and Mike Simons are the writer's uncles. Nathan Simons is her father.

Experience teaches a different meaning

By SHANNON MASTALER
Staff Writer

Sarah Elcome, 19, of Orangeville, Ont., is part of the Lorne Scots Infantry Reserves Army based in Brampton.

Elcome has been part of the army reserves for almost two years and became involved in it during high school.

"I took a four-credit co-op program at Orangeville District Secondary School (ODSS) that involved the army," said Elcome.

"Being in the army gives you a whole different level of gratification when you exceed your capabilities." Elcome said the army has made her more "team orientated."

She said it has physically benefited her as well. "Like any endeavour, you learn a lot about yourself."

Elcome said that although the army experiencehas been positive in many ways, it has also had a negative impact on her.

"Socially, it consumes all of my time. There's a lot of conformity. To an extent, you lose your individual self."

Elcome said she doesn't like the thought of war.

"I think, ideally, it shouldn't exist," she said. "I think society should be beyond resolving their problems using war at this point in time."

> *'As a soldier, that's what I'm trained for.'*
> *— Sarah Elcome*

Elcome said although she feels this way about war, "as a soldier, that's what I'm trained for."

"As much as any soldier doesn't want to contribute to war, it's the reality of their profession."

Elcome said the thought of war is something that sits in the back of her conscience. "When I think about it, or analyze it, it brings out a lot of emotion," said Elcome. "For me, it's more of a moral conflict.

"When you're in the army, you don't really think of the long-term consequences, like war," said Elcome. "You're too focused on surviving through training. You're really focused on yourself."

Elcome took part in a Remembrance Day ceremony by parading with the army in honour of the day.

"Remembrance Day is different when you're in the army, depending on the type of person you are," said Elcome. "You realize the significance of Remembrance Day is really unappreciated."

"Being in the army makes me directly involved with Remembrance Day."

Elcome said she looks at it in a different way since she has learned what it means to be a soldier. "It's a lot more personal for me now. I realize the sacrifice that was made on behalf of all people."

Remembrance Day, a day for honour and reflection

By TRACEY ALLISON
Staff Writer

On Remembrance Day, Margaret Chomyshyn honours the lives of her brothers who fought in the Second World War.

Chomyshyn, 76, of Ajax, Ont., said the war brings back "many memories." She was born in Perth, Ont., on Sept. 1, 1923.

When the war began, Chomyshyn moved to Toronto. As she looks back, she says she remembers what a "sad time it was." Many of her friends went away to war. "I remember having to say goodbye. It was so hard."

Two of her brothers fought in the war. Her oldest brother, Chester Welsh, was the first to leave to go overseas in early 1941 when he was 24 years old.

"I remember what a horrible feeling it was having to say goodbye. He spent his last leaves with my mother and I." Chester left behind his only son, who was just six weeks old. He never saw him again. "He was so proud of his son," she said.

A year later, her other brother, Nobel Welsh, who was 22, left to fight in the war. She said she missed her brothers but "we wrote as often as we could and we always sent them care packages."

During the war, Chomyshyn said she wanted to do her part, so she worked in the John Inglis war plant in Toronto. She worked there for three years making the Bren gun. She quit in 1944 when she married.

"It was terrifying," she said, when they first received a letter that Chester was missing. "Then about three months later we received a letter telling us that he had died in action. This was so hard for my mother and I."

She said she remembers her brother Nobel telling her this story: "He (Nobel) walked for 12 miles with mud all the way up to his knees to go and see Chester and tell him that he was close by. That was when he found out his brother was dead.

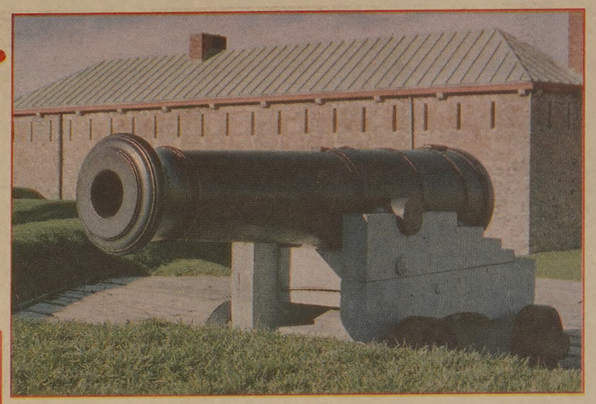
"Then a man of the highest position shook his hand and said 'I'm proud to shake the hand of the brother of Chester Welsh. This man told Nobel his brother 'was so much fun, he made them all laugh and made them all forget.' He said he was such a great person."

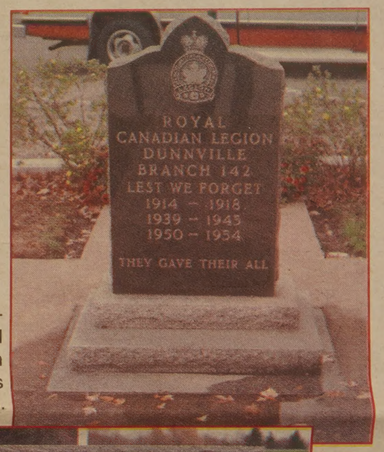
During his service, Nobel was wounded and stayed overseas until the end of the war.

The Maple Leaf Forever

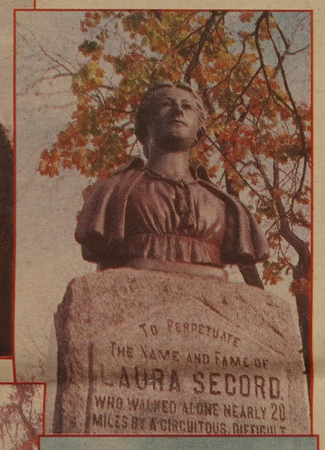
Right - Cemeteries are often considered shrines to those who gave their lives for their country.

Below - Remembrances of a military father and a grandfather.



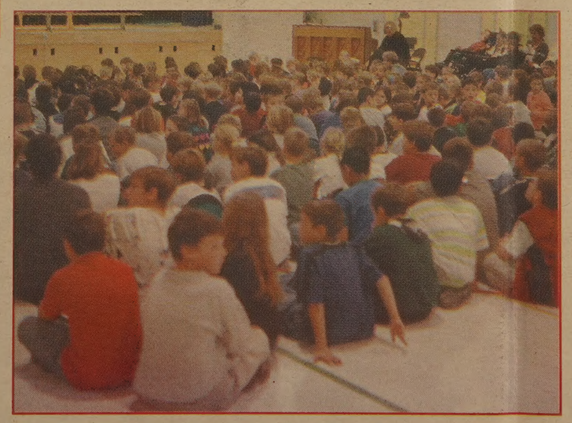


Right and Below - Dunnville's Royal Canadian Legion monuments to soldiers.



Collage to the left - Niagara's monuments to the heroes of war at (clockwise from top left) Queenston, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Dunnville.

Right - Student shows his appreciation to war veterans by placing a wreath at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pelham.



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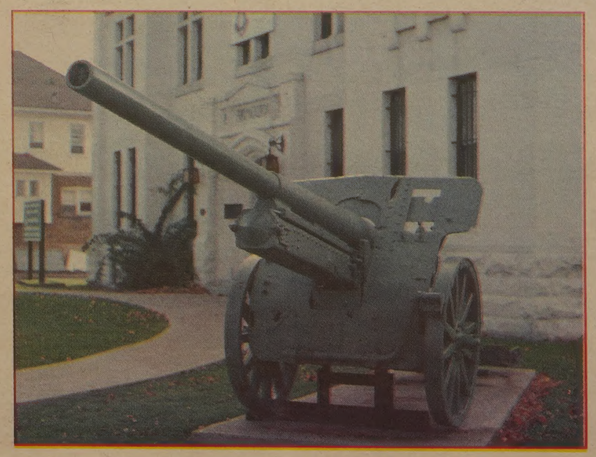
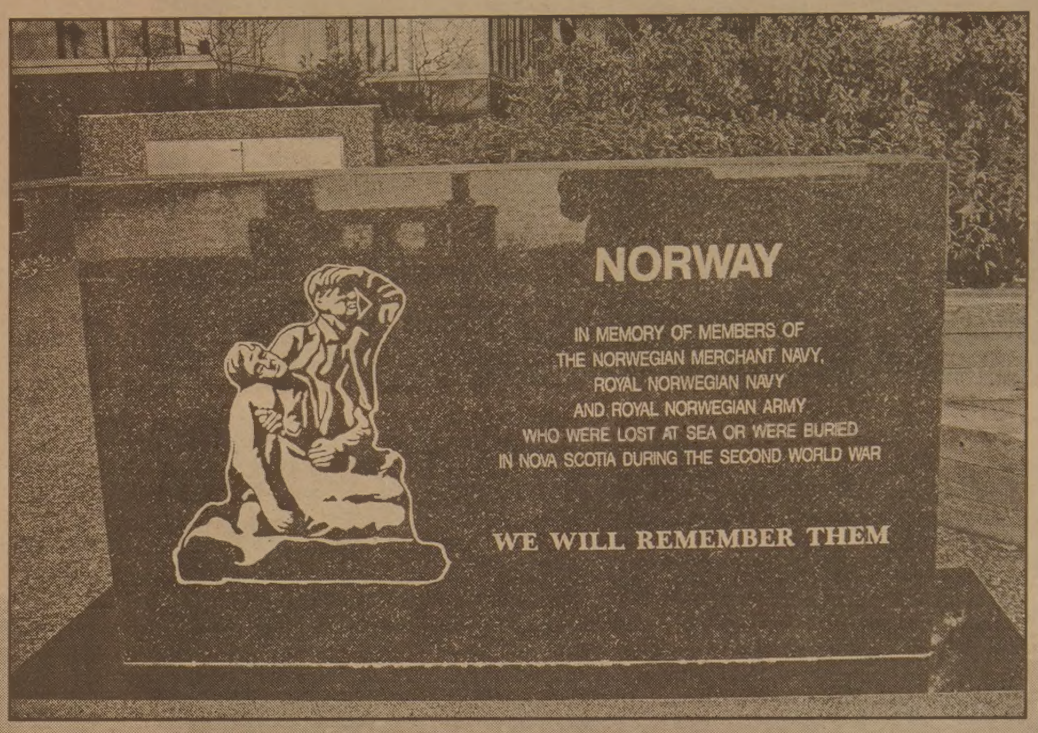
Left - Students at Quaker Road School attend a ceremony to honour those who fought the wars.



WE REMEMBER

Across the waves


NORWAY
IN MEMORY OF MEMBERS OF
THE NORWEGIAN MERCHANT NAVY,
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WHO WERE LOST AT SEA OR WERE BURIED
IN NOVA SCOTIA DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

This monument faces the Halifax Harbour and was built in memory of all those who served and died in the Norwegian Navy. Halifax was important in both the First and Second World Wars for Canada and the rest of the allied forces providing loading docks and ship repair. Halifax was also the last stop for many Canadian soldiers on their way to the European theatre where they faced an uncertain future.

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We went out to war

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

We went out to war to fight for God and for Country.
The blood that was shed ran down our bodies almost as rain washing over us.
We killed, and those around us were killed.
The guns and bombs went off, so much so that our ears became attuned to the sounds.
We had to try to sleep through the echoes of the shattering and shaking of the weapons and the earth.
The rain poured down from the heavens above, chilling and soaking our weary bodies.
We constantly thought it was the end of the world.
For many years afterward the sounds, stenches and sights took over our nights until there was no hope for sleep to come.
We went out to war to fight for God and for Country. We had a purpose. Never forget us.

Written in dedication to Canada's war veterans.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up your quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

— Major John McCrae

Never Forgotten

As I pause for a moment of silence
Thoughts bring a tear to my eye
For I look at the life all around me
And I ask myself, why did you die?

For you there was no celebration
For you there was no friendly face
For you there was no jubilation
You died in dome fat away place.

I thank you for today and tomorrow
I thank you for the earth and the sky
I thank you for the sacrifice you've given
I'm sorry that you had to die.

— Ron Crowley

WE REMEMBER

Some think that we have forgotten
What is meant by Remembrance Day,
Why we pause on November 11th
With some prayers and kind words to say.
To assume we do not "remember"
I would have to agree is quite true,
The horrors and nightmares and terrors
Were lived, not by us, but by you.
For I've never looked up to see bombers
Speeding threateningly over my head,
I've never been flying an airplane
And been shot frighteningly from the sky,
I've never been held prisoner
By a torturous, cruel enemy,
I've never been wounded in action
On the other side of the sea.
So, to say that we do not "remember"
Indeed is exactly right,
For we are the next generation
Not yet born while you fought the fight.
But please don't think we've forgotten
The sacrifice that you made,
For we live in peaceful freedom
Because of the price you have paid.
Now as you look around you,
Watch children at innocent play,
See folks passing through church doors,
And go about work day by day.
Be proud that you are the reason
For the freedom we have in this land,
And also in far-off countries
That the enemy tried to command.
No, we have not forgotten,
Though appreciative words may be few,
We thank God for your fallen comrades
And also for each one of you.

— Author Unknown

We Remember

Families help bring history of war to life

By MANDI SPEELMAN
Staff Writer

As a tribute to the Second World War, the Welland Historical Museum is displaying war artifacts for the public to see.

An army uniform, newspaper articles and pictures fill a few tabletops in a small corner of a museum room at 65 Hooker St., Welland.

"It (the display) wasn't made by the staff. It was set up by the members of the Historical Society, which is a separate entity from the museum," says Angela Dyck, 27, of Welland.

She says the Historical Society members' families within the area provided the artifacts.

The exhibit started on Oct. 1 and will continue until the second or third week of November. This is the 75th anniversary of this kind of exhibit at the museum.

Dyck, a museum employee, says a lot of people who have a good understanding of the war are coming by to take a look at the exhibit. It's for all people around the area to see.

The museum is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A uniform worn in the Second World War stands on display.
Photo by Mandi Speelman

Artifacts and newspaper articles from the Second World War era on display at the Welland Historical Museum.

Photos by Mandi Speelman

Rymarchuk proud of being in Canadian military

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

The "greatest sense" Frank Rymarchuk says he had while serving in the military during wars was being proud of being Canadian.

"In every country I dealt with, they gave us their respect. I was very proud to be a Canadian."

If people could learn to live peacefully with one another, there won't be much fighting, said Rymarchuk, 63, of Fredericton, N.B.

"As a Christian, 'love your neighbour as yourself' stands out immensely," said the retired warrant officer.

Rymarchuk began his career in June 1954.

"I joined the military because as a young fellow I thought it was a good thing. My brother was already in the military too."

Rymarchuk trained as a tank driver, a gunner and a radio operator. He later became an instructor and a tank commander. After several years, he trained as a helicopter navigator and then became a trainer and chief instructor for navigators.

"When my career started winding down I became a training coordinator. By this time I was in Gagetown, New Brunswick."

During his military career, Rymarchuk spent time in Egypt doing peacekeeping between Israel and Egypt, and in Germany.

"While I was in Germany we trained with multi-forces to exercise in front of the Soviet Union. I went into Germany two times with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Our job was to delay the Soviet Union for as long as possible.

"Being over there, I saw horrendous beaches, grave sites and different camps where prisoners were kept and killed.

"We were a united people that felt we could stamp anything out."

He said when the recruits were training they had to sit, cold and wet, in trenches without live bullets "because we were doing our peacekeeping."

"My brother was in World War One. Just image how horrendous that would have been."

Rymarchuk's son, Derek Rymarchuk, said his memories of Remembrance Day are "post-war military."

"It makes me proud to know that my father carries on a Canadian tradition of military service.

"For me, I have the realization that I had a dad in the military that didn't have to fight. Others did. Because of the men that fought, I can see my father in a peace role, not in a combative role."

Derek, 29, ordained by the Apostolic Church of Pentecost and minister of Calvary Chapel in Niagara Falls, said Remembrance Day, from a pastoral view, is people being able to come together freely to worship God.

"It is one of the things the men fought for: the freedom of religion," said Derek.

"It was a fight against Nazism, but now it's the freedom for many different things."

East Timor, Kosovo fight for human rights

By NATSUKO TAMURA
Staff Writer

The heartbreaking scenes shown in the coverage of war-torn areas of Kosovo and East Timor have hit the front pages over and over since early 1998.

Although both conflicts were supposedly settled and seemed to be fading away from the public's minds, it won't be over for millions of people who have suffered because these countries are still in turmoil.

"Too many people died," says Radmila Mandic, 35, of Niagara Falls, who used to live in Croatia and has a Serbian heritage. She left her country six years ago because of the domestic war and she's been in Canada since then.

She says even though Serbia finally agreed to sign a peace agreement with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on June 9, she doesn't believe it will solve the entire problem.

"I think they (Yugoslavians) are unhappy," she says, adding the bad relationship between Albanians and Serbs will "never" change.

"NATO can't manipulate people's feelings" though they can take physical control of the country, she says.

Mandic's family is still in Croatia and she says they're "tired of it" because of the length of time there has been turmoil.

"The conflict didn't start off last year."

Fighting erupted in mid-January, near a Kosovo village where 45 ethnic Albanian civilians were massacred. It's estimated 2,000 people have been killed in a year of fighting between Yugoslav troops and ethnic Albanian rebels. The NATO's air strike caused more than 500,000 people to flee from Kosovo into neighbouring countries.

. . . thousands of people have lost their lives . . .

As well, thousands of people have lost their lives for their rights on a tiny island located in an ethnically diverse country, Indonesia.

"It was just terrible," says Sister Elizabeth Norina, 30, an Indonesian student, from the English as a Second Language program, seeing news reports.

According to the United Nations officials, 200,000 of East Timor's 800,000 people had fled or had been forcibly removed to neigbouring West Timor, and as many as 7,000 more had been murdered.

Prior to that, in the Santa Cruz massacre in 1991, more than 271 demonstrators were killed in Dili, the capital city of East Timor. The East Timorese had been oppressed by the Indonesian government since 1975, right after the end of the colonial age under Portuguese rule.

As a result of an Aug. 30 referendum, an overwhelming 79 per cent of East Timorese supported independence from Indonesia, and East Timor was recently recognized as a province.

Norina says she thinks it's better to let East Timor separate from Indonesia though economic problems are "very" serious.

She says Indonesia has a similar holiday like Remembrance Day in the same time of year.

We Remember

Remembrance Day less important to students

By VICKI HARTLEN
Staff Writer

Remembrance Day is the day the thoughts of some students and staff are on the losses of the past, but more often, students are finding the day less important to them.

"It doesn't relate to me," said Kevin Chambers, in the Electrical Engineering Technician program at Niagara College. "I haven't done anything for it since public school."

Although Niagara College doesn't officially have a Remembrance Day assembly or participate in the moment of silence, some students still appreciate and contemplate the significance of the day.

"It's important for us not to forget what happened," said James Short, in the Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering Technician program. "We should not take for granted how we live today."

Other students have noticed that because of the program they are in, the relevance of the day seems to have increased.

"I don't really think about it (Remembrance Day)," said Kim Forbeck, of the Early Childhood Education program. "I think about it more because of my program because they're teaching the little ones the importance of it and community."

"It's important to remember because so many lives were sacrificed in the past," said Irma Cain, secretary in counselling at the Welland campus. "The good life we lead today is a result of people giving their lives in the past so we can live in such abundance."

Remembrance Day is based on an event so long ago that trying to imagine what it would be like if it happened today is difficult.

"I couldn't imagine it today," said Bonnie Shea, of the Law and Security Administration (LASA) program. "I just couldn't imagine the guys we know now going off and fighting in a war."

Although the importance of Remembrance Day seems to have been forgotten, the impact of earlier education seems to have helped some to remember its importance.

"We always did stuff for it in public schools so it seems to be important," said Bisi Ashabo, of the LASA program.

"It's important for people to remember these things," said Pat Cicci, Peer services facilitator. "We need to remember people's lives that were lost."

Marching in silence

Residents of Port Dalhousie in St. Catharines watch a Remembrance Day parade on Nov. 7. Liberal MPP Jim Bradley and Liberal MP Walt Lastewka joined war veterans, cadets and a pipe band, in their procession to a service at the First World War memorial on Main Street.

Photo by Martin McQuaig

Lest we forget

NIAGARA COLLEGE CANADA

Let us remember to share in a moment of silence to honour those who have fought for our freedom.

—Dan Patterson
President

Veterans honoured in peace assembly at local school

By JENNIFER MAGO
Staff Writer

The Quaker Road Elementary school in Welland honoured Canada's veterans with a Remembrance Day assembly on Nov 11.

Sandra Coyclyburn, vice-principal of the Quaker Road School, said the organizers try to highlight peace rather than war during the assembly.

"It's important for us to emphasize the importance of co-operation and negotiation," said Coyclyburn.

The assembly, which began around 10:45 a.m. and ran about a half an hour, consisted of comments from the principal, poetry readings, the singing of songs and a minute of silence while taps was played.

It is optional for classes to do any additional activities related to Remembrance Day during class time.

The school's students participated in a poster contest sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 4. Students had the option of making coloured or black and white posters, or writing poems or short essays.

Prizes were awarded to each category in each age group. A national winner was selected to win a trip to Ottawa for the Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11.

Remembering days of battle

Hollywood actor Jimmy Stewart helped soldier during war time fighting

By MONICA PALINIEWICZ
Staff Writer

Bullets graze startled faces.

Grenades drop a few feet from a row of soldiers.

Enemy planes soar in the ashen sky, dropping explosives and bombs, spreading the scent of death. Even the bravest of soldiers are terrified.

Remembrance Day is a day when we recall those who fought for Canada in various ways.

Many people across Canada take a few minutes on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month to pause and remember those who fought for peace in our country out of a sense of patriotism.

Kristine Podmokly, 68, of Stoney Creek, is the widow of John Podmokly, a veteran of the Second World War, who died recently.

"I can fondly recall the stories he told me about driving around in a Jeep with the late great actor Jimmy Stewart," says Podmokly. "Jimmy always made jokes, no matter how bad the situation was. He's what kept John going through such a traumatizing time."

The days were "tormenting" for those who awaited a messanger to announce to families back home that their "loved ones had been killed in the war."

> *'Those days were a true test of faith.'*
> *— Bernice Grabowski*

Bernice Grabowski, 78, of Hamilton, wife of Frank Grabowski, a survivor of the Second World War, says, "Those days were a true test of faith."

"I remember running to the door every time I thought I heard someone coming up the steps. I was always prepared for the worst, for someone coming to tell me that Frank had been shot. We were lucky. It was hard being a wife of a soldier at war."

Frank Grabowski, 79, says, "I am proud that I was involved in something so patriotic for my country. Seeing my friends dying all around me was hard, but I kept strong for my family back home."

The day of remembrance is a day to reflect on and pay respect to those that died or survived the brutal wars.

"The soldiers of war can be commemorated as heroes of yesterday, today and tomorrow. We should be forever grateful for all they have done," says Grabowski.

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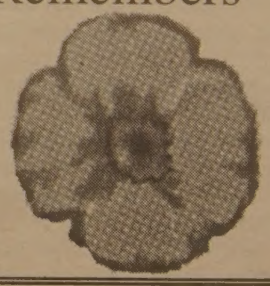

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EYE ON CANADA

Youth group protests to aid homeless

By PENNI LAFLEUR
and LEIGH BEIHL
Staff Writers

OTTAWA — The "1% Solution" was the campaign slogan of a small group of youths determined to take up a cause they said was being ignored by the government of Canada.

The New Democratic Youth of Canada (NDYC) staged a protest on Oct. 30 on the front lawn of Parliament Hill in Ottawa calling for federal, provincial and municipal governments to give an additional one per cent of their revenue to the homeless in Canada.

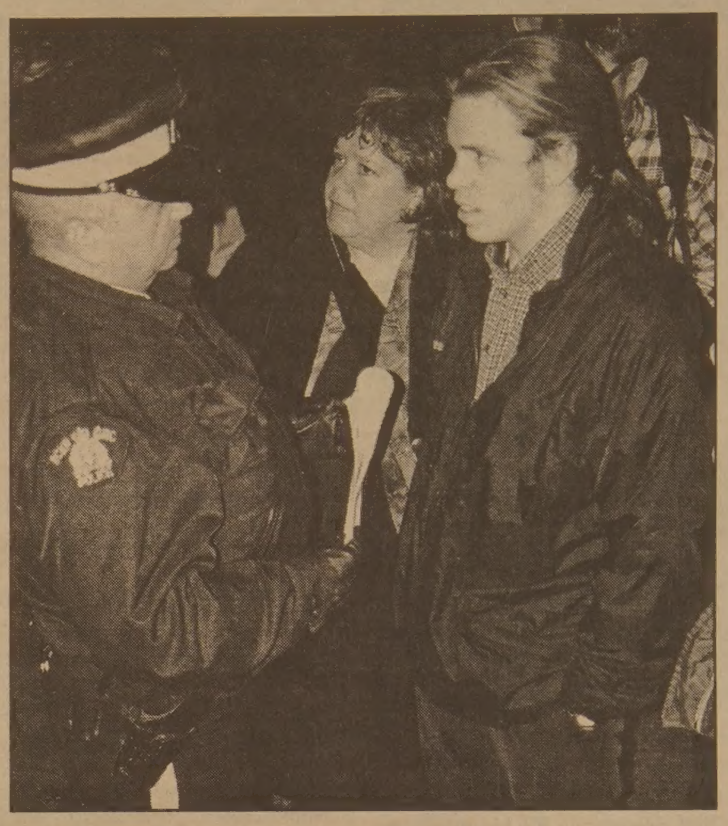
"Canada is the only industrial country without a housing strategy," said Alex Grant, 25, of Vancouver, a member of the NDYC, in town to organize the protest. "The Quebec ice storm was declared a national emergency. With the level of homelessness in this country, this is a national emergency."

'We are here to express outrage and anger.' — Bonte Minnema

He said Libby Davis, NDP MP for the downtown Vancouver riding, would be bringing a motion in the House of Commons calling for an additional one per cent of revenue to help the homeless.

Their mission was to sleep out on the lawn of the Parliament Buildings for one night to raise awareness of the "homeless people who sleep outside every night."

Greeted by seven RCMP officers, who were alerted to the protest, they were advised of a federal law that says no camping is allowed on Parliament Hill.



An RCMP officer reads the federal law that prohibits camping on Parliament Hill to Libby Davis, NDP MP from downtown Vancouver riding, and Dave McGrane, an organizer for the New Democratic Youth of Canada.

Photo by Penni Lafleur

"Last year, the year before, for years people came to camp and ended up on Wellington (Street) in the winter," said an RCMP officer, who only smiled when asked for his name, adding, "We knew about this since last night."

As the small crowd of about 20 supporters gathered to begin the demonstration, the officer approached them with a copy of the bylaw and said, "We are just warning you, if you are lying down, if you are sleeping . . . a $400 fine. And move your luggage so the tourists don't see it."

"Shame!" cried the crowd after Davis arrived and joined in the rally with NDYC member Dave McGrane, 22, of Moose Jaw, Sask., and a student at the University of Toronto.

"We are here on the hill to protest a shameful problem — the crisis of homelessness in Canada," said McGrane. "The answer in the Throne Speech was one small mention of it."

"This is a huge issue," said Davis, "and I will be introducing a motion in Parliament that will urge the government to adopt the federal housing strategy. We used to have a good housing program in Canada that was abandoned in '93. What we are seeing is a direct result of that decision.

"There is absolutely no action from the minister (appointed to the housing crisis) who says that housing is fine. What are the Liberals going to do when they (the homeless) freeze? We need emergency relief and long-term solutions."

McGrane shouted, "People are dying in our nation's capital and the prime minister is not addressing the problem."

"We are here to express outrage and anger," said Bonte Minnema, 22, of Toronto. He is an NDYC organizer. "The homelessness minister appointed has no commitment to budget or mandate. With substandard housing, the minister, Claudette Bradshaw, had the audacity to say there isn't a problem with shelters. Shame on the richest nation in the world!"

He said the NDYC "wholeheartedly" adopts the one per cent solution. "This is about human rights — people shouldn't die in our streets."

After the threat of arrest by the RCMP officer, McGrane said, "Apparently the New Democratic Youth of Canada are a threat to national security."

Davis, McGrane, Minnema and two other members of the NDYC walked over and picked up their sleeping bags, unrolled them on the lawn and got into them. With that, all seven RCMP officers left.

Gordon Earle, an NDP MP for Halifax West, who was in town for federal council meetings, attended the protest and offered his support to "the young people who are concerned with the state of homelessness."

"This should be taken as an example by the government who should be equally concerned. Instead of partying, they (the demonstrators) are out here. It's a pretty significant statement."

TakeNote

→ Ottawa is expected to spend $1.2 billion on homelessness over six years. This announcement will be in the February budget.

→ Claudette Bradshaw, labour minister, is appointed to combat homelessness. There is no budget yet reported to co-ordinate a federal strategy.

→ Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. expects to receive $68 million in new funds by 2002, then $170 million annually.

Ceremony performed at Glendale to commemorate opening

By CASSANDRA SIMONS
Staff Writer

If they had done this 100 years ago, they would have been jailed.

A traditional native smudge ceremony was performed at Niagara College's Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake to commemorate the opening of the Aboriginal Education Access centre. Raymond Gould performed the ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m.

Dan Patterson, Niagara College's president, said the college is an "invitational" college and tries to create a welcoming atmosphere for aboriginal students.

"One of the things that is so powerful about aboriginals is that in our lives we're in such a fast pace that we don't stop to say 'Thanks.' The aboriginals do that. It's an important part of the aboriginal heritage that needs to remain the same," said Patterson.

'The feather is like a road of life, full of avenues or streets.' — LuVerna Clause

Gould, 65, of Hamilton, had arranged a piece of cloth on the floor in the centre of the room. On the cloth, there were a large water filled pot, a small cup, one candle, five feathers and a shell that held sage.

Gould lit the candle, which is a reflection of fire on mother earth, as well as an internal flame, he said.

Then he lit the sage. Using a feather, he fanned the sage to help it start burning and begin the purification process. He picked up the shell, turned to the west and shouted "Quay." Then he turned to each of the other three compass points.

"Quay is a greeting to the spirits of North, South, East and West. In some languages 'Quay' means woman," said Gould.

After the greetings to the points, Gould handed the shell of sage to a lady in the group. He inhaled the sage, using his hands to pull smoke over his mind, body and soul. He retrieved the shell and walked around the group so they could individually participate in the smudging.

Afterwards, joining hands, they thanked the spirits for everything they have.

The feather was then passed through the group. The person holding the feather was able to say thanks, along with anything else they wanted to share with the group.

LuVerna Clause, 60, from Seneca of First Nation out of the Hawk Clan of the Iroquois Confederacy, said she'd once heard that when you hold the feather you must always tell the truth.

"The feather is like a road of life, full of avenues or streets," said Clause.

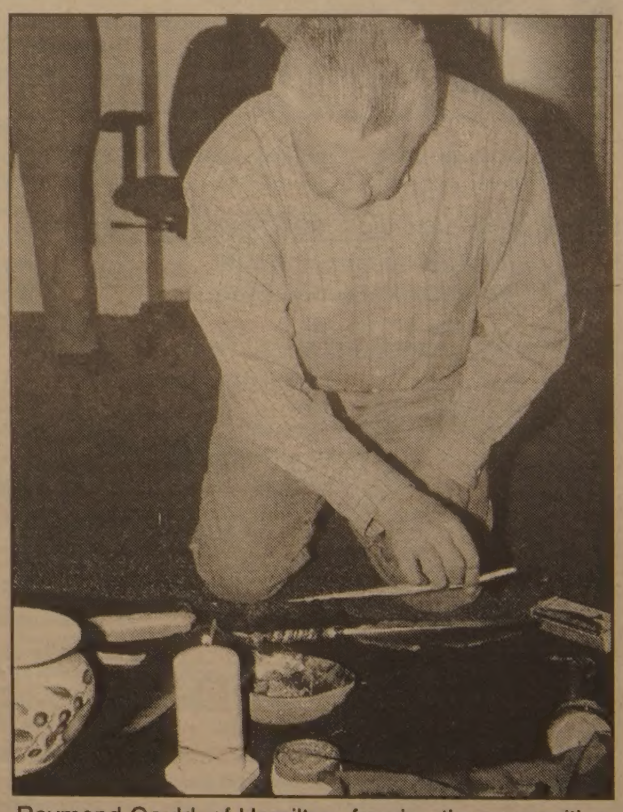
"You make the decision to go down a street. It's your choice. You choose what happens in your life. Pick the road that's best for you."

Water was poured from the pot into the cup and passed around the group for each to drink, reflecting the fact women are the keepers of the water.

The last thing Gould asked the group to do was to hug one another.

"A while ago if we'd tried to do a smudge ceremony we'd have been put in jail," he said. He was referring to days in early Canadian history when aboriginals, practicing their cultural ceremonies, were jailed by European settlers.

"We need to remind everyone where we come from so that the seventh generation will remember. We need to record things that are meaningful to our culture so that our children can always know what our culture is."



Raymond Gould, of Hamilton, fanning the sage with a feather as he performs a smudge ceremony at the Glendale campus, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, on Nov. 9.

Photo by Cassandra Simons

ENTERTAINMENT

Risqué comedy shocks After Hours

By MARK GARRETT
Staff Writer

A hilarious new twist at the After Hours pub at the Welland campus is just what the doctor ordered.

Shy One Horse, a group of comedians/actors and actresses, did their brand of sketches at the pub on Oct. 27.

Vince Diano 35, of Brooklyn, N.Y., has been doing this "off-beat risqué brand of sketch comedy" for six years along with founder Bill Houston, 35, of Peterborough, Anne Page, 32, of Waterloo, Nicola St. John, 33, of Winnipeg, and Carlos Diaz, 28, of Chile.

The sketches included a variety of topics, including making fun of The Gap commercials, Body Break with Joanne McLleod wanting to get a workout in bed with Hal Johnson, Russell Oliver wanting to buy "jerk handkerchiefs," and a wedding with a disappointing honeymoon (for the groom).

Their witty version of the song from the movie Grease drew appreciative roars of laughter from the crowd along with the sketch of a Saturn dealer with the dominatrix and her subjects.

The full house at After Hours was receptive to the shady brand of comedy. "I think it went better than we thought it would," says Daino. "We hope they enjoyed it."

Shy One Horse will be hosting a game show called Spanish Fly along with Yuk Yuk's Super Club every Thursday, starting Nov. 18. The show will be a "Latin-flavoured game show," says Houston. He said the show also includes "drag queens and people getting shot."

"It's a little bit frightening," says St. John.

There is only one person who can help these three with their problem and it's their Saturn dealer. This was one of several sketches put on by the comedy group Shy One Horse. From left is Nicola St. John, Vince Diano and Carlos Diaz. Missing is Bill Houston as the Saturn dealer.

Photo by Sam Bayly

Freak show yet to come

By MARK GARRETT
Staff Writer

The freaks are coming to town.

The After Hours pub at the Welland campus will be hosting a free Circus of the Scars Show on Monday, Nov. 22.

The travelling side show consists of Zamora, aka the Torture King, the founder of the show who penetrates his body with spikes and surgical knives, and Flex the Rubber Boy, who compacts his body into a chest with dimensions of 12 inches by 24 inches.

Zamora has opened for Nine Inch Nails and Lollapalooza, when he and Jim Rose toured together.

Zamora and his friend's act will include lying in a bed of "real" glass, breaking chains and feats of strength, said Dave Rapelje, manager of After Hours, adding some students "fainted" when the show was at the Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This type of show has been at Niagara College twice before.

Rapelje said the show is "unbelievable."

See the world on display at Niagara

By NATSUKO TAMURA
Staff Writer

The annual International Day is coming to Niagara College's Welland campus on Nov. 17.

This event gives people an opportunity to learn about other cultures and interact with people from throughout the world.

Students from the English as Second Language program will demonstrate a variety of cultural activities, including traditional clothing, food, dance and games.

Students and faculty can have their name written in other languages.

Mieko Yokota, from Japan, and Jisun Hyun, from Korea, who are in the Special Event Management post-graduate program, are organizing the event.

This will be a "very interesting experience" for Canadian students, said Yokota.

"Don't miss it," Hyun said, adding they are looking forward to seeing lots of people show up.

The event will take place in front of the Learning Resource Centre from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Comedy may not always be a laughing matter

By LISA TAFT
Staff Writer

Column

I would think that, of all the jobs to have in this crazy world, to be a comedian would be a walk in the park.

I usually go to the comedy nights at After Hours held on Wednesdays at the Niagara College pub. Most of the time I enjoy myself. Something struck me recently during one of the shows. These days, it might be tough for those poor guys to do a show.

With all of the accomplishments we've had as an ever-changing, accepting society how, as a comedian, could you know what is going to be funny and what will offend people, especially college crowds? For example, black comedians can make fun of black issues and topics, as I've often seen on television specials and in comedy clubs, and the material is funny. It brings most people to a certain level of comfort where they can relax and enjoy themselves.

It's the same with comedians of other races. Being able to make fun of yourself is healthy, but there was a time when audiences wouldn't have been able to find the humour in some of today's comedy topics.

With all of the changes we've gone through as a society, there are still some lines that are stepped over as far as comedy goes. From the shows that I've seen, jokes about alcohol and drugs still go over well. Although there's an uprising in the fight against addictions, perhaps older people, like to reminisce about the 1960s. Let's face it, people my age (21) are still doing drugs. They're everywhere. They're not new.

The topic of gays and lesbians, I've noticed, is still a touchy one. I've heard jokes about gays at comedy shows and they usually get a choppy reaction from the crowds. I don't think the topic has been accepted by society enough to joke about it yet. People are still afraid to laugh because there may be a gay person in the audience who isn't going to think the material is funny or people will think they're being insensitive if they laugh.

I can imagine that it must be hard for comedians to know what has and what hasn't been accepted. College crowds would be especially hard to figure out. Stereotypically, college crowds are a pretty open bunch of people as far as sexuality and race go. From my experience, though, a lot of people haven't quite become comfortable enough to find humour in some topics.

It will most likely come in time, as everything else has, but it's important for people to realize that comedians are trying to make them laugh, not offend them. That's true for most of them anyway, and when it comes right down to it — it's just a joke.

Clarification

In the Niagara News edition of Oct. 29, 1999, Vol. 30, Issue 3, a report on page 7 about the Aboriginal Education Access centre requires clarification.

Raymond Gould, an Elder, was accurately quoted. However, we wish to clarify that he learned how to do a smudge ceremony while working at the Kingston Penitentiary.

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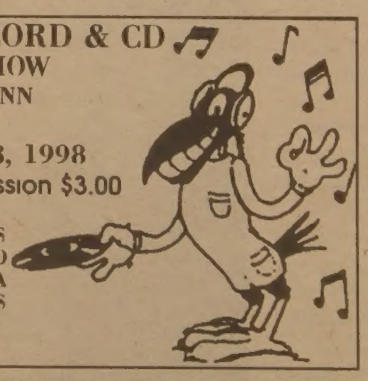

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Folky' sisters still having fun

By CRAIG STRATYCHUK
and SAM BAYLY
Staff Writers

Add another chapter to a 30-year legacy.

Canadian folk singers Kate and Anna McGarrigle performed to 450 people at Brock University's 525-seat Sean O'Sullivan Theatre in St. Catharines on Nov. 4.

Although they don't tour a lot, smaller, informal venues are "fun to do," said Anna, 54, of Eastern Ontario.

Kate, 53, of Montreal, said they have returned to a "folky" sound.

They added they now create songs using the inspiration they get from the instruments they play.

The two performed with Montrealers Michel Pepin, who played bass and guitar, and Joel Zifkin, who played the fiddle and guitar.

Anna's daughter, Lily Lanken, 20, of Alexandria, Ont., provided backup and some lead vocals.

Anna and Kate's first record was recorded in 1976 and their latest recording was completed in 1998.

"We're still having a good time," said Anna.

Their latest release, **The McGarrigle Hour**, is a recording of their favourite songs. It features their children, Kate's ex-husband Loudon Wainwright III, Anna's husband Dane Lanken, and Emmylou Harris and Linda Ronstadt.

The record won a Juno for Best Roots and Traditional Album: Group in April.

The sisters have made appearances on television's Saturday Night Live and David Letterman and have been profiled by the CBC and CTV.

They received the Order of Canada from Governor General Romeo LeBlanc in 1994.

Their tour has five dates: St. Catharines, Peterborough, Nepean, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Kingston.

Winners open for Honeymoon Suite

By SHANNON DEARY
Staff Writer

It was a battle of the bands for some, but a chance to hear good music for others.

The Niagara Dome, in St. Catharines, hosted Corn Stock 1999 on Oct. 22. The night consisted of a Battle of the Bands contest, two feature acts and a pig roast.

"The winner of the bands will open for our next big event, as a paying gig," said Wayne Kretz, one of the owners at the Niagara Dome.

He said the next event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the Dome. Starting at 1 p.m., a Cover Band Tribute will be presented, featuring the Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls, Britney Spears and Ricky Martin. The evening consists of the feature act, Honeymoon Suite, with the winner of the Battle of the Bands as their opening act.

The bands that competed in the competition were Another Day, Stanzwordz and Psillocybin. Kretz said the bands were local bands. Psillocybin won.

One of the judges was from Strange Ideas Production and Promotion.

"What we looked for in judging the bands was originality, presence on stage, how organized they looked, how well they drew in the crowd, and how well they worked together as a team," said Dallas, who asked his real name not be published.

He said he thought the winning band made a good impression, and he is hoping to sign a deal with them with KY Records.

Labatt's Blue sponsored the event and is an "ongoing corporate sponsor" of the Niagara Dome.

Classic Catering made the pig roast possible. The pork was roasted and served on a bun with corn. The cost was $1 a serving.

"So far, I can say this is the best night for the bar," said Kretz.

The Niagara Dome recently made renovations to open a licensed bar for the players and for the events.

"We hosted this event to help promote the Niagara Dome in having an event every Friday," said Kretz.

The Niagara Dome would like to thank "Poncho" from J.B. Production, in Fort Erie, for the production of Corn Stock.

The feature bands were Slang and Tommy Gun.

Slang released their first album called **Resilience**, in 1998. It was released by Paul Wheeler and Slang, and engineered by Paul Wheeler and Castle studios. Slang has been together since April 1996.

The band consists of Mike Markarian, lead vocals, Travis Ranger, guitar and backup vocals, Stephane DeBernardi, bass, and Franco Foschini, drums and backup vocals.

"We were all on a hiatus from previous bands," said Markarian, lead singer. "I met up with Travis (guitar), who was jamming with Franco (drums)." He said Travis knew Stephane, so they got together to rehearse with their instruments, to audition and to produce a "solid body of original material."

"From there we were born," said Markarian.

Markarian said in their first year they worked on developing material to get a distinct sound.

He said they are "largely rooted" in 1970s and 1980 rock.

"We decided to have a cohesive image, to capture the crunch of hard rock," said Markarian.

He said they try to combine pop sensibilities with optimism.

"We try to touch on heavy subjects, with a positive outlook, and strive to be anthemic with melodic catching choruses," said Markarian.

He said Slang's influences include Kiss, Motley Crew, Ratt, Aerosmith and modern rock.

When choosing their name, he said, they had a list of possible of names.

"We wanted a name that is easy to say and easy to remember, but wouldn't give away our style of music," said Markarian.

Slang said they opened for Helix, Edwin, Serial Joe, Gotto, Super Garage and others.

Their last big event was the Labour Day Bash at Front 54.

Slang said they are looking forward to their next album, to be called **Dancing on the Edge.** They started tracking Oct. 23.

"We want to carry on from where we left off, with much stronger material and better production," said Markarian.

He said they are trying to move in a "forward motion."

"We had a pretty busy year, and are hoping to have an even busier 2000," Markarian said.

Dean Malton, at Ground Loop Studios in Niagara Falls, will produce their next album. It will be released on Dark Emerald Records, and the company is hoping to "ship it to major labels," Markarian said.

Slang is scheduled to appear at Court Town in Hamilton on Saturday, Nov. 27, and at Malibu Jack's Hideaway in St. Catharines on Saturday, Dec. 11.

SPORTS

Gaunt leads men's volleyball team to victory

By JASON VIZBULIS
and MIKE DILTS
Staff Writers

Niagara College men's volleyball team is ranked ninth in the nation.

"I think it's great to be recognized by our peers around the nation that we are one of the best," said Sarkis, the college's co-ordinator of athletics and recreation.

Sarkis said the team has a lot of potential, a lot of depth and will get more after Christmas as more players return from class suspensions. One key change is the addition of Daymon Wells, who is transferring from Sheridan College in Oakville in January.

"Graeme Gaunt is going to play a large role on how successful the team will be for rest of this year and next year," said Sarkis.

Gaunt is one of the top prospects recruited this year. He has played nine games with 31 kills, three stuffed blocks and one service aces. He has 35 point. His points per game is 3.9.

"The team has gotten better every year. They have been in the playoffs every year since Blair has been here," said Sarkis, referring to Blair Cudmore, the college's men's volleyball coach. "You can't run a team without a good coach."

The No. 1 team in the country is the Grande Prairie Wolves of Alberta.

The men's volleyball team played Humber College, of Toronto, on Nov. 10. The results were not available before press time.

"Playing Humber . . . will say a lot about how the team will do for the rest of this year," said Sarkis.

The team has won its first two games. Despite being down two games to one in its first game of the season, the volleyball team managed to come away with a victory against Georgian College of Barrie, on Oct. 26.

"We're not a team. We need more playing experience to get together. We go through this every year," said Cudmore.

Gaunt, a rookie, led the way with 16 kills and an ace in his first regular season match. Niagara coach Cudmore said Gaunt carried the team. Jeremy Swezdaryk had a strong game with 12 kills and a block while Matt Piccolo had 11 kills, two blocks and two aces.

Cudmore said he was pleased with his team's effort: "Considering all the changes we have to go through as a result of personnel, I'm satisfied with it."

Their next home game is against Cambrian College, of Sudbury, tonight at 8:30 p.m.

Graeme Gaunt (#13) delivers one of his team-leading 16 kills. Niagara defeated Georgian College, of Barrie, three games to two.
Photo by Jason Vizbulis

Learning experience for basketball team

Melissa Hallborg tries for a basket in the game against Humber College, of Toronto, Nov. 5.
Photo by Mike Dilts

By MIKE DILTS
Staff Writer

The Niagara Knights women's basketball team didn't play up to the level of their talents.

"We have a lot of talent, but there's a lot of areas we need to improve on," said Georgie Groat, the Niagara Knights' head coach.

On Nov. 5, the Niagara women's basketball team played Humber College, of Toronto, at Niagara College's Welland campus in the Mackenzie building. Niagara lost 86-33, for their second straight loss.

"It's apparent that Humber isn't 56 points better than us," said Groat. "There are a lot of things that we did that we really beat ourselves."

After the first half, Niagara was losing 10-27. They fought for ground a little harder in the second with 23 more points, for an inevitable loss.

"We didn't play that well," said Candace Oxford, a guard for the Niagara Knights. "We kind of played scrappy. We can play better than that," adding she wasn't "too impressed" with the team performance.

Oxford, 22, from Niagara Falls, a Business Administration — Operations Management (Co-op) student at Niagara College, got seven points in Niagara's loss.

"I told them they are a much better team than Humber than the game they showed," said Groat. "It is a learning experience and (they) shouldn't take it as a blowout."

The team's season record stands at no wins and two losses. Niagara plays tonight at George Brown College in Toronto.

Knights take bronze

Niagara beats top seed in tournament

By JASON VIZBULIS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College men's basketball team came home from St. Lawrence College's Vikings men's basketball tournament in Kingston with a bronze medal in exhibition invitational play.

Impressive victory for the Knights.
— Ray Sarkis

Niagara started out strong, beating Champlain College of Lennoxville, Que., in a lopsided match 72-48. Niagara followed that game with a 71-69 loss to the hosts of the tournament St. Lawrence.

Ray Sarkis, head of Niagara's athletic department, said they should have won that game "but lost it in the last few seconds."

The bronze medal game was against Algonquin College of Nepean, Ont. The Knights came away with a 92-83 victory.

Sarkis said it was an impressive victory because "Algonguin was seeded number one in the tournament."

The Knights played in the Sheridan College Invitational Tournament in Oakville on Nov. 5 and 6.

Intramural soccer a fun way to spend your evening

By MIKE DILTS
Staff Writer

Two ties and one victory made for a fun evening of soccer Tuesday in intramural indoor competition.

The friendly rivalry in week two of the schedule consisted of three games. These were Corporation, Wrecked 'N' Leisure, Beavers and Broadcast Bullies.

Intramural sports pits teams of Niagara College's students against others in a non-travelling schedule.

All games are held at the Welland campus's Mackenzie building.

Corporation played Wrecked 'N' Leisure in game one. In the first half, there was no score. In the second, Wrecked 'N' Leisure got the first goal only to have Corporation come back and tie the game.

"The last goal kind of hurt us, but at least we got one point," said Kelly Jones from the Wrecked 'N' Leisure team. Jones, of Welland, is a Recreation and Leisure program student at Niagara.

Beavers played Corporation in game two. In the first half, Corporation had a 2-0 lead, but in the second, the Beavers rebounded back with two unanswered goals to tie the game.

"After we got our two goals, we became lazy, so we ended up with a tie," said Kelly Blackmore, 20, from the Corporation team, a Police Foundation program student from Sundridge, Ont.

Game three found Wrecked 'N' Leisure facing Broadcast Bullies. In the first half, Wrecked 'N' Leisure wreaked Broadcast Bullies with a five 5-0 lead. Broadcast Bullies tried to bully back in the second, but only got one goal to lose 6-1.

"We kind of walked away with it, but we know Broadcast wasn't giving it all," said Jones.

Chris Barnatt, 20, from Broadcast Bullies, said he felt the team was out of shape. Barnatt, of St. Catharines, is a second-year Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program student at Niagara.

"We played the team last week, so coming out this week we knew they were a much better team," said Barnatt. "They're just getting ready for hockey," he said with a wink and a laugh.

Week three's triple games will be on Nov. 16 starting at 2:40 p.m.

SPORTS

College receives new training equipment

By TRACEY ALLISON
Staff Writer

Fred Bassi helps the first-year Police Foundation program students PREP for their police test during their fitness lab.

Bassi, 54, of Welland, has taught at Niagara College for 30 years. For the past two years, he has been testing students with Physical Readiness Evaluation for Police (PREP).

Last year the college received the proper equipment and this year they have a separate facility where the equipment is set up.

"This is one of the schools that has it available," said Bassi, adding this facility "helps the students and the community" because they too, with permission, can use this facility. "I want students to have the advantage."

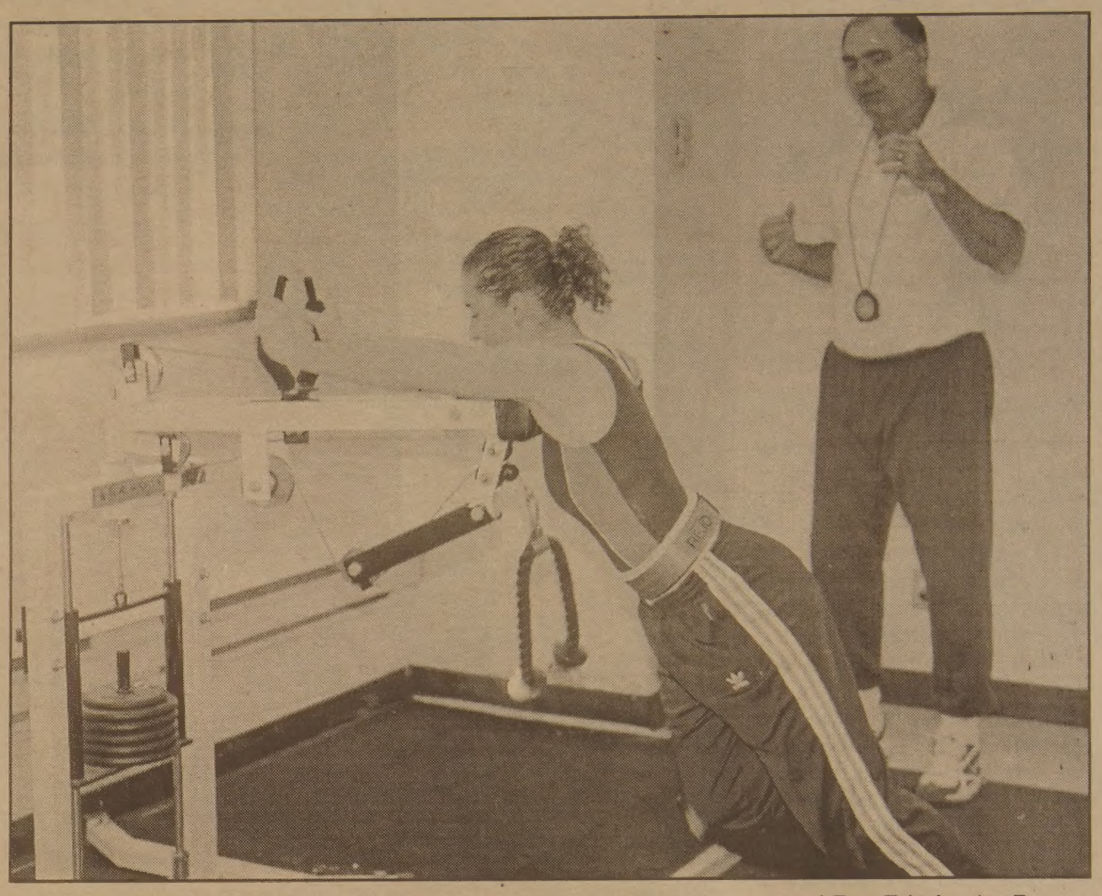
The students participate in a Pursue and Restrain Test followed by the shuttle run.

They "train the way every police force gives you the test."

Bassi said students must do the test in a certain amount of time to score acceptable or superior. The test is for males and females

He said it is considered a fair test for everybody.

They wear a nine-pound belt, which simulates what police wear, and they follow a set routine. They have to run around pylons, climb up and down stairs, jump over a four-foot fence and pull a 150-pound dummy.



Police Foundation program teacher Fred Bassi helps Patti Renshaw, 19, of Fort Erie for the Pursue and Restrain police test.

Photo by Tracey Allison

The test is "strict," Bassi said. "Every week we're going to send people through it."

Next, the students go through a 20-metre shuttle run.

Bassi said this tests their cardiovascular ability, adding if they stop or miss the warning area, the test is over.

"My main concern is they need to be ready physically."

In the future, Bassi said, he would like to see students in their second year have to pass this test in order to pass the physical education component.

"He likes to push you and he encourages you a lot," said Patti Renshaw, 19, of Fort Erie. She said whenever she feels like she cannot do something, Bassi encourages and helps her do it. She said he "always does reasonable stuff" in class and doesn't waste their time.

Marc Lachance, 25, of Fonthill, said this course "prepares you for police training both mentally and physically so you feel more confident when testing will begin."

Darryl Lander, 22, of Thorold, said, "In comparison to university, there's more hands-on experience and skills here to become a police officer."

He said university has little that will benefit students to become police officers.

"My objective is after two years students should be able to understand and pass the test," said Bassi, adding he wants to help the Police Foundation program students.

Cheater's Bar and Grill wins championship title

By SHANNON DEARY
Staff Writer

The fourth annual Ontario Outdoor Ball Hockey Championship was held for the men's "A" division in Welland Oct. 15 to Oct. 17.

The winner of the tournament was Cheater's Bar & Grill from Niagara Falls. In the finals, the team beat the Wizards from St. Catharines, taking away what would have been the Wizards' fourth consecutive title.

The tournament consisted of teams from Welland, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and Barrie.

The tournament was held at the Welland Street Hockey Centre, at its new location beside the Lincoln Mall in St. Catharines.

"I think the tournament is going exceptionally well," Tom Roberts, tournament director, said. "Because of the high skill level, there is a lot of talent, and everyone has come to win."

Roberts said some players in the tournament are among the "very best" in the province. He said the style of hockey being played was more physical and "very competitive." He said the ball hockey rink is a little smaller than an ice hockey rink, so the game is played at a faster pace.

Players and spectators made a number of negative comments about the referees' calls.

"You have to expect the players aren't going to be happy with all the calls," said Roberts."It's inevitable, unavoidable, and the calls aren't always acceptable."

Roberts said they couldn't change what they say or do once it's done. He said every call is going to have an impact on the game whether it's a good call or a bad call.

Anthony Pasto, owner of the Welland Street Hockey Centre, said, "Refs are refs. You have to respect their decision. . . . They can't see every detail, just like we can't." The referees were from Welland.

The skills competition was held on Oct. 16. The top goalie in the penalty shots was Sean Vallille, of the Under Dogs from Welland. Top scorer was Ryan Olsen, of the Buds from St. Catharines. The hardest shot went to Mike Ruzic, of the Buds from St. Catharines, for shooting 102 miles an hour. Second place went to Scott Seto, of the Buds from St. Catharines, for shooting 100 miles an hour. Darren Deguire, of the Whalers from St. Catharines, received third place for shooting 99 miles an hour.

Fourth annual tourney

Roberts said this is the first time anyone has managed to reach a speed of more than 100 miles an hour in the competition.

He said there weren't as many participants in the "B" division, because at this level, the players know the best team wins, not the best player.

Molson Canadian, which is an active sponsor of ball hockey, sponsored the tournament.

"Molson Breweries continues to be a major supporter in the growth of the outdoor sport of ball hockey with present status on the provincial championships and a strong involvement at the local level," a 1999 newsletter for Ball Hockey Ontario states.

Local sponsors include Howard Johnson's in St. Catharines. The hotel offers complimentary rooms to officials brought in from out of town for tournaments.

"I think it's a nice gesture on their behalf," said Roberts.

Tim Hortons has also been a major supporter at the Welland rink with its involvement in the Timbits youth league. Other businesses that support the youth program includes Sport Wrap Magazine, No Frills (Lincoln Mall), Gatorade and Gamer's Haven.

The Barrie Ball Hockey Club has also launched a new youth program called Growing Up Through Sports (GUTS).

"The GUTS program will allow children to experience various life skills such as teamwork, accomplishment, responsibility and having fun while enjoying the fitness and skill development aspects of ball hockey," quoted in the 1999 newsletter for Ball Hockey Ontario.

The awards ceremony was held in October.

Glendale campus preparing for Golf Management program

By SHANNON MASTALER
Staff Writer

A Business Administration Golf Management program is in the works at Niagara College's Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The three-year program will start in the fall of 2000, pending approval from the Board of Governors.

Martha Casson, vice-president enterprise and services, says she thinks the program will get the approval.

It is the only program of its kind to be offered in the Niagara region.

"Humber College (Etobicoke) and Georgian College (Barrie) are the only schools that offer any kind of golf program at all," said Casson. "The big advantage to students from Niagara is that they will have access to this type of program without relocating."

Neil Chartrand, director, Business and Entrepreneurship Division, said the program "will offer the students a very good, very broad, education."

Casson said the college has received funding from Human Resources Development Canada to investigate the labour market. "Preliminary results show a significant demand for new entrance to this kind of profession," said Casson.

"There's a growing demand for people trained in the golf industry," said Chartrand, adding, "The Niagara region is becoming a recognized golf region on the world scene."

By 2003, there will be nine new golf courses developed in the Niagara region. One of these, Iron Bridge International Golf Club, will be built adjacent to the Glendale campus.

Chartrand said the college is "negotiating with them for students to have co-op and work experience."

The new program has extensive co-op opportunities, and has elements of horticulture (grounds and course), management (pro shop) and hospitality (food and beverages in the clubhouse).

Tuition fees will be about $3,300. This cost will cover an "expensive co-op," said Casson. The price is the same at Humber College and Georgian College.

Twenty-five to 30 students are expected to be enrolled.

"We are not sure what the response could be," said Chartrand.

ACHIEVEMENTS

College director connected to Nobel Prize

By NATSUKO TAMURA
Staff Writer

It's Monday morning and he's back to his office after a business trip to Colombia in South America.

As the director of International Education and Development at Niagara College, Jos Nolle, 43, of Fonthill, has been helping to keep the international department "growing and enthusiastic."

Recently, one of his previous achievements in a different field of work was recognized by the Nobel Prize committee.

The French-based medical relief organization Doctors Without Borders, known as Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), received the Nobel Peace Prize last month.

"It's nice to be part of the organization," says Nolle, who used to work for the organization for seven years and is the founder of the Canadian branch.

The MSF, established in 1971, is a non-governmental emergency medical relief organization, the world's largest independent agency of its kind. The MSF's goal is "to provide medical and humanitarian aid to victims of natural and man-made disasters, irrespective of race, religion, creed or political affiliation."

Maclean's magazine describes the group as "determined to carry emergency medicine aid to places where most others feared to tread as enemies of human suffering."

The members of the organization have been doing "exactly what they promised," and their 25 years of courageous work brought them a Nobel Peace Prize this year.

Today, about 3,000 MSF volunteers, primarily doctors, nurses and other health workers worldwide, help people in areas of conflict.

Nolle says it's nice to be recognized by the (Nobel) committee "despite the criticism," referring to what he calls MSF's rebellious attitude.

They do what they think is right, often against the rules of the international law or the government occasionally, he says.

It'll be difficult for the staff to keep a bit of rebelliousness because of this award, but without it, the group would "lose effectiveness," says Nolle.

"I hope the Nobel Peace Prize won't make the organization complacent."

He's afraid this notable honour might make the MSF obedient to authorities and change its work ethics, he adds.

"I don't know if I respect all the rules," he says, adding people should not always be depending on governments or authorities.

"They make mistakes sometimes."

Nolle was raised in Holland and finished his education there. Majoring in industrial design engineering, he had an opportunity to do his co-op in South Africa during university.

"It was quite an experience to be there."

That inspired him to see the world. After graduation in 1982, he set out on a world tour, from Libya, India, Australia, over to Colombia, Brazil and Ecuador.

After a year of being a backpacker, he was hired as a sales and marketing representative for an aircraft manufacturer in Holland. However, this "commercial" job didn't interest him for too long, he says, adding, he wanted to do something where he could see development at work.

He ended up working for the MSF organization "accidentally" becasue a position was open there.

Three weeks later, he was in Mozambique working as the co-ordinator of non-medical staff for two years.

In 1991, he married Mary, whom he had met when backpacking in India, and moved to Canada. Being away from the operational centres in Europe, he was to establish the MSF Canada branch. He recruited people by doing presentations throughout the country and solicited donations from the public and the government.

Because of his tireless efforts, Doctors Without Borders Canada incorporated as one of 13 delegate offices worldwide in January 1992.

After returning to Holland to end his role in the MSF, he took his post at Niagara College in 1994.

"I wanted to have a bit more time for myself and my kids because MSF is very demanding. I thought it would be good to leave it for others, to keep a balance in my own life," Nolle says, adding he wants to have enough time with his children, now seven and five, since it's a "very important year" for them.

He says he had a good relationship with his parents when he was young, but he experienced loneliness because his father was often busy at work. When Nolle became a parent, he thought he would try to be home more with his children.

Jos Nolle, the director of International Education and Development, is the founder of the Canadian branch of Doctors Without Borders, an organization which has won a Nobel Peace Prize.

Photo by Natsuko Tamura

For the past two months, he has been "too busy," he says, adding there was not enough balance. He looks up to the picture his daughter drew for him that is pinned on the wall, and he smiles.

"He's very hardworking and a good father," says Betty Ann Chandler, an English as a Second Language (ESL) program instructor.

"He's an entrepreneur and has a good sense of humour," says ESL professor Mary Lou Eden.

"He's extremely open-minded, well-organized, well-disciplined and insightful," says Susan Vandenboom, his sister-in-law and ESL program co-ordinator.

"He likes to keep communication open," she says, adding they have regular meetings every week.

Carolyn Ambrose, an ESL instructor, says, "He always takes time to make sure that we know what's going on in our department," which makes their workplace environment "congenial."

"Jos is a wonderful boss, very respectful to all of us, always enthusiastic," she says.

Ambrose says he's a goal setter, that despite having so many things happening at work and at home, he keeps his commitments.

"You have to have some ambitions," says Nolle, and if you're realistic enough, you can reach further than you thought you could do by setting objectives.

He says one of his goals is the continued growth of the International Education department at the college.

"We're getting our feet wet" into some contract training programs in future, Nolle says. Within a decade, the International Education department will have three elements: ESL,post-secondary programs and short-term training programs.

In addition, he says, while the ESL program is growing, he wants to keep the atmosphere as "we had it when the number of students was smaller," emphasizing it's important for students to get the same attention from the teachers as before.

ECE secretary receives Award of Excellence

By JAMIE WHITE
Staff Writer

Sharron Fordyce, secretary at Niagara College's Child Care Centre at the Welland campus, was presented with an Award of Excellence from the Early Childhood Community Development Centre and the Association of Early Childhood Educators—Niagara Branch.

Fordyce, who attended Niagara College at the old Wellandvale campus in St. Catharines, completed an introductory computer program in the early 1970s.

She says she worked in different areas throughout the college before settling into her job at the Child Care Centre.

She says she has spent about 15 years working at the college, eight of those at the centre.

Fordyce was nominated for the award by her co-workers.

She says she didn't know she'd been nominated until her name was called at the awards ceremony held at the Folks Arts Centre in St. Catharines, as a part of the Week of the Child on Oct. 21.

"It kind of comes as a shock but a very thrilling one," says Fordyce.

The award of excellence was created in 1997 and is given to people working in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) field to recognize their outstanding efforts and dedication to ECE.

"I was thrilled. It was very nice to be acknowledged."

Fordyce was the only employee from the Child Care Centre to receive an award and she had never received one previously.

"You feel very appreciated."

Fordyce says she "loves" working at the Child Care Centre.

She says she loves the diversity of her job and the wide range of people she sees and interacts with every day, such as her young students, young adults, and mothers re-entering the school atmosphere and even grandparents.

"Every day is different. There is never two days the same."

Fordyce says she enjoys the centre because it is a new facility and can't think of one drawback to her job.

Fordyce received a framed certificate, and a pin and was given flowers at the ceremony.

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Rackin' up the miles in the BRTF mobile

Second-year students Sean Delaney, Tara Bartley, James Becke, Ryan Smyth, Robin Watson, Clinton Deschamps and Graeme Bachiu, all from the Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film program, pose beside the program's mobile after returning from a film shoot. The students will be travelling throughout the province looking for news and feature assignments in an annual television production road trips.

Photo by Jennifer Atanas

Mobile allows second-year students to be involved in 'all aspects of the production.'

By JENNIFER ATANAS
Staff Writer

The Niagara College mobile television van's miles will be accumulating, as students in the Broadcasting – Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) program begin their annual television production road trips.

The van, which is in the college garage behind studio two in the broadcasting wing at the Welland campus, "is old," said Tom Pagonis, a professor in the BRTF program.

"We keep trying to upgrade it, and it gets maintenance every year."

The van gets used every day and on weekends, Pagonis said, adding, "This is the heaviest term for the mobiles."

He said the students are involved in many projects. An upcoming event is a sports banquet, which occurs each year, said Pagonis. "It is a fund-raiser that is in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus and the Shriners of St. Catharines.

"The students are involved in all aspects of the production."

There are different jobs each student can participate in during the term, Pagonis said.

Positions vary from director, technical director and script assistant to camera operators.

At the beginning of the term, Pagonis said, the students hand in proposals which he schedules and the students each choose a job.

'The students are involved in all aspects of the production.'
– Tom Pagonis

"Some jobs require more preparation than others, but all are evaluated the same."

Before the crew meets at the chosen film location, a remote survey must be completed and discussed at a meeting held one week before production, said Pagonis.

The survey includes important information pertaining to technical requirements, parking and directions, Pagonis said.

Each project is "student driven" and must be completed within certain restrictions, he said.

The students have only four hours, which is "barely enough time to do it properly,"

'If the finished product turns out good, it's a bonus at this level.'
—Tom Pagonis

said Pagonis, adding their work must be filmed within the Niagara Peninsula.

Their past road trips, however, have taken them further, he said.

"The furthest the mobile has travelled was to Gravenhurst."

At this time of year, the mobile gets "a lot of use, but after Christmas not as much."

Third-year students will be covering the Niagara Falls Christmas parade while the second-year students continue to work on projects that require them to be "thinking technically," Pagonis said, adding, "They must problem solve as fast and efficiently as possible."

Students must learn during this term not only how to work together as a crew, but also how to set up the mobile completely, he said.

"There is more emphasis made on production," because it is "more important than the finished product," Pagonis said.

"If the finished product turns out good, it's a bonus at this level."

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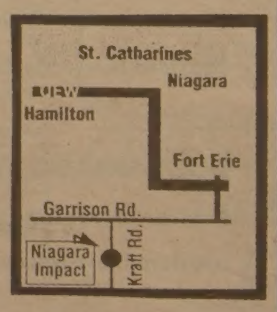

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